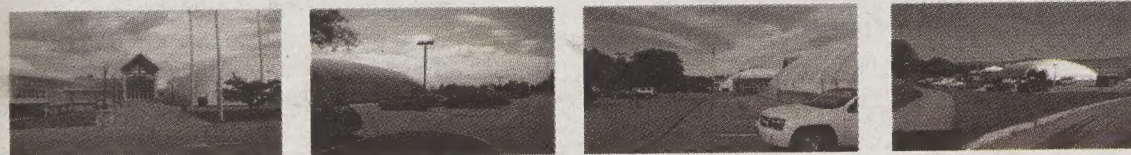


Bubble to be replaced with permanent facilities



FIELD HOUSE ENTRY PERSPECTIVE LOOKING SOUTH



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Preliminary plans for the new field house, pictured above, include a revamped entrance and improved indoor facilities. The Buildings and Grounds Committee will review the plan during Board of Trustees meetings this weekend in Monterey.

By Adam Schaffer

The College will see its first major building project since the start of the recession as the field house, currently housed in a temporary structure known as the "Bubble," is replaced with a permanent indoor track and field complex. The project will also include a second facility to house squash courts.

The \$46 million facility will be funded largely through gifts from alumni, and in keeping with the College's new approach to building projects, will be completed without taking out further loans. As of Feb. 13, the College had raised \$34.2 million, and hopes to fund the remaining \$11.8 million through additional gifts and the existing Renewal and Replacement Reserve fund.

While the final timeline has yet to be confirmed, work is scheduled to begin on the squash facility in the fall of this year with a completion date of late 2013, allowing the team to use the existing courts throughout the building process.

Work on the new field house

is scheduled to break ground in spring of 2013 and be completed by fall 2014, leaving indoor track and the other sports that use the Bubble in the colder months without any indoor facility for one season.

The Bubble, explained Vice President for Administration Timi Spears, is in need of replacement as it is deteriorating and a "terrible energy hog." Agreements with the town also stipulated that it would have to be replaced by 2016.

Plans, which are pending approval from the Board of Trustees' Building and Grounds Committee meeting this weekend, include a 200-meter track around a turf field surrounded by netting, allowing ball sports to train while the track is being used. The squash facility, which will be in a separate building, will feature as many as 10 courts.

Athletes, especially indoor track, have long expressed interest in a new facility, calling the current setup in the Bubble "miserable."

"We have such a nice outdoor track, yet by the time the spring

season rolls around a third of our team is not healthy enough to run on it," wrote Morgan Childs '14, a member of the track and field team, in an email. The hard track surface and sharp, unbanked turns in the Bubble lead to higher incidence of shin splints and hamstring pulls.

"With wider turns and a better surface, we will have significantly [fewer] injuries and faster practices." The new facility, she added, would likely improve the team's recruiting ability and performance during the indoor season.

Director of Athletics Erin Quinn echoed the benefits to recruiting for many sports, but emphasized that he thinks of "that benefit as clearly subordinate to the real benefits to the users of the facilities," both intercollegiate and recreational.

In addition to improvements in the athletic facilities themselves, the plans also call for a remodeled main entrance to the athletics complex, featuring large, floor-to-ceiling windows and a stone patio with seating

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Gastro virus sends 19 students to Porter ER

By Nate Sans

An outbreak of gastroenteritis struck the College in late January, resulting in widespread illness and sending at least 19 students to the Porter Hospital Emergency Room to be treated for dehydration.

Director of Health Services Doctor Mark Peluso wrote in a Jan. 22 email to the student body that the outbreak fell under the umbrella of gastroenteritis, a category of stomach viruses including, but not limited to, rotavirus, norovirus, enteric adenovirus and astrovirus.

It is impossible to know with certainty which virus caused the College epidemic because that would require an epidemiological study, which was impractical given the low level of danger posed by the sickness. According to an email sent by Peluso, students reported symptoms of vomiting, diarrhea and nausea, usually recovering within 24-48 hours.

Peluso was careful to emphasize that the outbreak was unlikely to have been caused by a food-borne virus. In the same email he noted that cases of a similar illness had been found in the greater Middlebury community. As soon as the first few students came forward

with gastroenteritis symptoms, Parton Health Center contacted Dining Services to alert them that a number of students had reported stomach virus-like symptoms shortly after students began to fall ill. Peluso cited the "excellent practices" of the Dining Services staff surrounding cleanliness and food preparation as helpful in eliminating food as a source of the virus. The presence of gastroenteritis in the surrounding Middlebury community further lessened the likelihood of the virus stemming from food.

Parton Health Center also contacted the Vermont Department of Public Health as a matter of procedure as the number of cases of gastroenteritis rose. The Department of Public Health decided that an intervention was impractical because of the difficulty in preventing the spread of the virus and the relatively low level of danger posed to the Middlebury community by the virus.

The outbreak sent 19 students to the Porter Hospital Emergency Room, according to Peluso, with approximately 50-60 students seeking medical care at either Porter Hospital Emergency Room

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New CSE director resigns

Institute for International Sport founder Dan Doyle faces questions regarding unpaid bills to URI



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NEW TALENT IN THE AIR



GREG WOOLSTON

The Feb Class of 2015.5 arrived on campus over break, bringing fresh faces to Middlebury. Above, new first-years watched and showed off their talent in the Grille Feb. 10.

Save the Children ex-CEO joins College as Executive-in-Residence

By Kyle Finck

On Feb. 6, Old Chapel announced that Charles MacCormack '63 will join the College as an executive-in-residence starting this fall. He joins an illustrious group of scholars in residence at the College, including Artist-in-Residence François S. Clemmons and fellow Executive-in-Residence and former governor Jim Douglas.

MacCormack stepped down as president and CEO of Save the Children in 2011 after 18 years at the helm of the humanitarian organization. With a budget of over \$550 million and a staff of over 6,000 worldwide, Save the Chil-

dren is an independent, non-partisan and non-denominational NGO dedicated to improving the lives of children throughout the world.

He will spend two weeks of every month on campus, and said he hopes to supplement what students learn in class with real life connections to global health, food and nutrition, economic development and other issues.

"I really want to work with students interested in international sustainable development in terms of linking their academic interests with internships and practices," he said.

President of the College Ronald

D. Liebowitz said that MacCormack's philanthropic experiences will be an invaluable resource to the College.

"Charlie MacCormack is among our most accomplished alumni when it comes to work around the world on behalf of others," he wrote in an email. "His experience and connections with consequential players in the fields of international development, global medicine, philanthropy and helping those in need are deep and wide... our students will benefit from his experience and expertise."

Liebowitz added that MacCor-

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BEYOND THE BUBBLE

BY BRONWYN OATLEY

In a series of demonstrations over the past month, over 100,000 Russian citizens have voiced their displeasure with the autocratic rule of President of the Russian Federation Dmitry Medvedev and Prime Minister Vladimir Putin. These protests are the largest the country has seen since the end of the Cold War.

According to *Foreign Affairs*, wide-scale protests have been held in response to two initiatives implemented by the political duo in recent months. In September 2011, Russian citizens were initially angered when President Medvedev announced he would not seek reelection, but rather recommended that the United Russia party nominate Putin for the presidency. The two men agreed that when elected, Putin would name Medvedev as his Prime Minister, which citizens interpreted as an attempt by the two political leaders to simply reverse roles, maintaining their 12-year grip on political power in the European nation.

Russians were further enraged in December, following a supposed fraudulent calculation of ballots in parliamentary elections. *Foreign Affairs* explained that exit pollsters reported that 32 percent of the vote went to Putin's United Russia Party in the election, while final tallies in Moscow by election officials, showed that 46 percent of Russians supported the incumbent party.

In response to the irregularity of the election results, 7,000 people amassed on the streets of Russia in protest. Five days later, the crowd swelled to 50,000 people. Two weeks following, the number enlarged to 100,000 as citizens swarmed onto the Moscow's Sakharov Avenue chanting "Russia without Putin."

According to *Time* magazine, the protestors were from all political denominations, and "flags and slogans ran the gamut from communist to nationalist and every shade of liberal in between." Common themes that bound the crowd, however, were both the fervent desire to prevent Putin's re-election, and a yearning for citizens to truly have a role in a democratic decision-making process.

In uniting together, demonstrators hope that Putin will be forced to leave office, inciting an opening within Russian politics, as well as engendering greater political participation by all citizens. Such a goal, however, appears largely unattainable, as the hegemonic political force of United Russia has silenced the majority of realistic political opposition leaders. *Foreign Affairs* magazine illustrated that the liberal Yabloko party's Grigory Yavlinsky, the candidate most likely to receive the genuine support of the anti-Putin demonstrators, was disqualified from the race and therefore will not be included in the presidential ballot.

The protestors will also face the monumental task of trying to compete with the media machine of United Russia when attempting to gain support. In response to the largest of the three protests, Russian officials paid government employees and citizens to participate in a counter-protest. According to *Time*, officials bused in tens of thousands of people to stand in Victory Park, across town from the larger, organic protest being held on Sakharov Avenue. In the counter-protest, the paid citizens were instructed to try and convince onlookers that Russia without Putin would be a "Russia in chaos."

While many Muscovites have been encouraged by the recent demonstrations to engage in political activism, others have pessimistically predicted that the vast control the dynamic political duo of Medvedev and Putin will continue to pose an insurmountable obstacle. Nevertheless, such demonstrations appear to represent a change in the political consciousness of a formerly silent segment of the population—a group who will no longer accept their place within Russian society as passive onlookers.

Middlebury qualifes for 2013 Solar Decathlon competition

By Melanie Haas

The Solar Decathlon team has been granted a bid to compete in the 2013 Solar Decathlon competition, which is being held in Irvine, Calif. The College's house for the upcoming decathlon, dubbed In-Fill Home, will focus on maximizing unused urban space.

The 2011 Solar Decathlon took place on Washington D.C.'s National Mall. The 2013 competitors will display their final products in Orange County Great Park in Irvine. The park, which is a former naval base with a paved tarmac, will dramatically alter the competition by offering a more controlled environment. The flatter ground will be more conducive to constructing houses, especially compared to last year's uneven, grassy terrain.

The new project, In-Fill Home, breaks down the stereotype that building homes is an activity for the suburbs, not the city. The team aims to craft a home that will fit into a cityscape, seeking to maximize unused urban space.

"We want to show a private home within the urban context that is still connected to nature and can still provide all of the upsides of living in the country while having access to the city and [the benefits] that urban living provides," said Gwen Cook '13, co-project manager, going on to describe the design as "flexible" and able to "adapt to a variety of spaces."

The planned 2013 Solar Decathlon house is divided into two rectangular modules linked together by a glass hallway. The separation within the home will allow for family privacy while providing a pub-

lic space that can also be admired on the street level. The design seeks to establish a harmony between nature and the urban setting through a common patio space with planters and a green roof, much like Atwater Dining Hall.

With the new location comes a new environment, which will pose a challenge to the College team. "Comfort Zone," one of the ten judging categories within the decathlon, demands that the house maintain a certain level of humidity and stay within a specific range of temperature at all times. The difference between the California and Vermont climates will need to be taken into account in both building and design strategies.

"Comfort Zone" was one of Middlebury's lowest scores in the 2011 Solar Decathlon.

Many teams struggled with Washington, D.C.'s high humidity last year, revealed Erik Fendik '12.5. Self-Reliance was built to withstand cold Vermont winters, but was not suited for the mid-Atlantic climate.

Another large challenge for the team of students who will be conducting research for the new project lies in finding a method of transportation that will reflect the environmentally conscious spirit of the competition.

For the 2011 competition, the Solar Decathlon team built their house at the College and disassembled it before driving components to the competition on flatbed trucks. Using a similar method for In-Fill Home will likely not be the most environmentally friendly option.

The team is currently still brainstorming and weighing many different transportation options, including conducting the

majority of the building on-site in California in collaboration with the Monterey Institute, according to Fendik.

When the College entered the 2011 competition, the small size and lack of graduate students was considered a weakness, not a strength. The College's team of undergraduate students exceeded expectations in placing fourth overall in the 2011 Solar Decathlon Competition with Self-Reliance, their modern New England farmhouse.

"Last year we shaped our identity," said Matt Weinert-Stein '14, a researcher for the 2013 Solar Decathlon. "Now that we've established ourselves as a major competitor we can shift our focus away from a Vermont, or rural, theme and focus on a problem that faces urban designers."

"The team structure is in its infancy," Fendik said. "The possibilities are endless," he added, alluding to the prospect of new students, and thus new ideas, that have yet to contribute to the Solar Decathlon team.

Fendik cites the diversity that comes from studying at a small liberal arts college as a driving force, giving the College's team an advantage in the competition. The diverse group of students on the 2011 team came from 25 different majors.

The 2011 Solar Decathlon has given the College's new team vital experience and confidence that they can come home from California with a win in 2013.

"Our goal is to provide an example for everyone in the U.S. and around the world [for] how to create beautiful, green, sustainable homes that are affordable," said Cook. "It's about so much more than performing well in the competition."

The U.S. Department of Energy chooses 20 collegiate teams to participate in the biennial competition, designing, constructing and displaying solar-powered houses. The College is one of three 2011 participants that will be returning to the competition in 2013.

Long term plans consider new fitness center in Nelson

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to make the facility more inviting. The patio, which would take up some of the existing parking lot, could still be used for parking during athletic events when attendance is high.

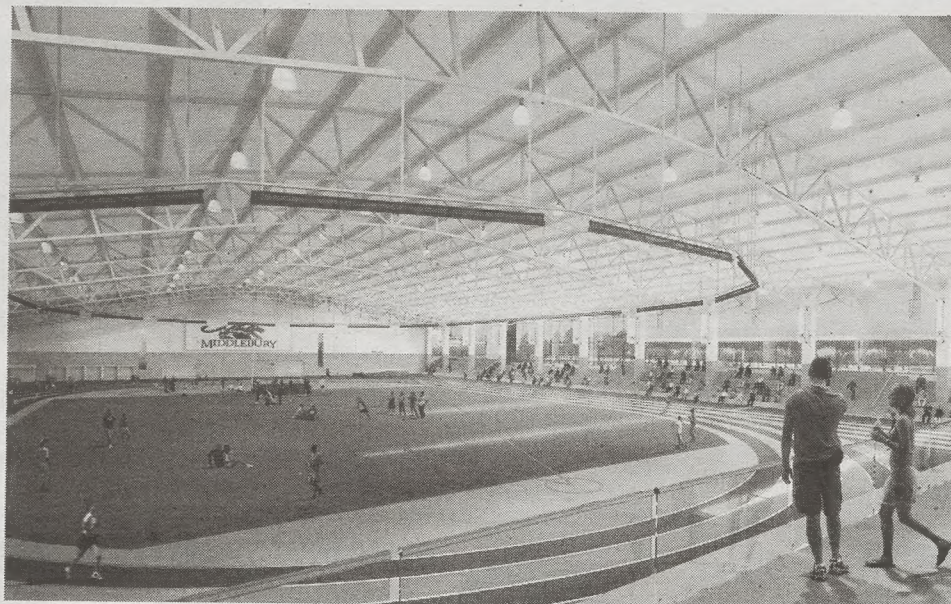
INDOOR TENNIS FACILITY, FITNESS CENTER ON THE HORIZON

While the current plans only include—and budget for—the field house and squash facilities, part of the area's master plan also includes an indoor tennis facility that could accommodate year-round intercollegiate and recreational play.

"At some point we're going to be building an indoor tennis facility," Spears said, and the current building project would need to take that into account.

New courts would provide more year-round options for athletes and non-athletes alike. In addition to the benefits of having new courts, moving indoor tennis out of its current location in the Nelson Arena would open the building up to be used as an expanded recreational facility.

Though current levels of funding only allow for a revamped Field House and Squash facilities, Spears said that if a donor were to offer to fund the tennis facility, it could be included as part of this building project.



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Plans for the Field House, pictured above, include a design for netting to allow simultaneous use of the track and field portions and a full 200-meter track.

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Virus extends throughout NESCAC schools

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or Parton Health Center, though many students did not seek medical treatment. The number of cases reported increased significantly over the weekend of Jan. 21 and continued into the next week.

"Students who were already in a state of good health seemed to fare better than those who were not if they became sick," wrote Peluso in an email. "For example, students who were well hydrated and had been resting and eating well seemed to have less severe symptoms when they became sick."

Steps that helped students avoid or recover from the virus included staying well hydrated before the onset of symptoms, being well-rested and stocking up on crackers and sports drinks.

"I feel as if about half of my friends got it," wrote Taylor Sundali '12 in an email. "My contingent of friends included some paranoid Nordic skiers who hid out in some off-campus houses to get away from the germs. Most of them successfully avoided illness."

Peluso was also quick to recognize the work of the Facilities Services staff, noting that they altered cleaning schedules to en-

sure that dormitories were as clean as possible when students were sick as a means of lessening the risk of transmission. The College custodial staff cleaned "touch points" in dorm bathrooms every day during the peak days of the outbreak.

Gastroenteritis was not limited to Middlebury. Students at several other New England colleges experienced symptoms similar to those of students at the College. Over 100 students at Wesleyan University have gotten sick since Feb. 6, reported Davis Smith, medical director at Wesleyan. Smith suspected that Super Bowl parties were to blame because of the prevalence of food sharing and close contact with others. Williams College also experienced several cases of students seeking medical help for gastroenteritis symptoms but the number of cases was not significant, according to Ruth Harrison, director of health services at Williams.

The gastroenteritis outbreak forced sports teams to find ways to compensate for an unusually high number of sick players, but the athletic department "did not employ a department-wide strategy or mandatory protocols. Coaches handled within teams

as they saw fit," Director of Athletics Erin Quinn wrote in an email. Quinn noted that a swim meet scheduled for Jan. 27 was canceled.

Several teams, such as men's hockey, were not severely affected by the illness because few athletes were sick.

"We probably had [five or six] guys that came down with the bug ... We had to make lineup adjustments for the games because some of the guys that would be playing weren't able to," wrote Assistant Men's Hockey Coach Jamie McKenna '09 in an email. "But other than that, there wasn't anything else different."

Other teams were not so lucky, such as indoor track.

"On Tuesday of that week, of our group of 32 people, we only had four people that were at practice and not affected by the bug ... The entire week of training was compromised, as well as the track meet on the weekend," wrote Cross Country and Assistant Track Coach Nicole Wilkerson in an email.

Instances of gastroenteritis fell dramatically in the week following the initial outbreak, as did the severity of later cases.



BY JOHN HAWLEY '14

El Truino, Ecuador

After the first year, Middlebury students are presented with two distinct options for J-Term: we can choose to take a class on campus or can find an internship away from Midd. Two months ago, I was positive I would be spending my J-Term on campus. I was planning on signing up for a yoga class (as in for academic credit. Not a workshop. Gotta love the liberal arts, huh?), trying to learn how to ski (again), playing a ton of FIFA with my friends and enjoying all of the wild ... recreational activities that J-Term has to offer.

However, my plans changed when I received an email from my Spanish professor, Miguel Fernandez, outlining an internship in which I might potentially be interested. The position was for an assistant English teacher at the local primary school in El Truino, Ecuador, a place neither GoogleMaps nor I had ever heard of. I had spent much of my academic career studying Spanish, but had never spent any time in a Spanish-speaking country. I decided to apply, hooked by the lure of wearing shorts in January.

Although I still don't know quite how it happened, I'm writing this article over an incredible Ecuadorian breakfast in the popular tourist town of Baños, just down the road from El Truino. I will leave here in a week, discarding flip-flops for snow boots and sun-block for wool hats. My tan will fade, but the memories I have made here will not. From thrills like rafting along the Pastaza River and mountain biking down the active Tungurahua volcano, to the simple joys of playing fútbol with the local children and watching our students show off their new-found English skills to their parents, this place will never leave me.

In thinking about my first real experience traveling internationally, I am reminded of the story told to me by an Australian woman named Julia, whom I met at a local discotec. Julia originally came to Baños as a tourist and had to leave after only three days. "When I left," recalled Julia, "I knew I had to come back. Three days was not even close to enough." Julia now lives here, working in a local spa and taking Spanish classes.

Like Julia, I too will head home feeling that my time here was not nearly long enough. I will be happy to see my friends and to have access to hot water, but I am also incredibly grateful to have spent the past month here. I have seen a part of the world and a style of living to which I otherwise may never have been exposed. Spending my J-Term abroad has taught me more about myself and the world than I could have ever hoped to learn in just one month.

When my journey began, I was tentative to leave the security of my friends and family and was unsure of my ability to survive alone in a foreign country. However, this trip has exceeded all of my expectations. I have laughed during, learned from and loved every minute of my time here. I consider myself unbelievably lucky to have been given the opportunity to spend this J-Term abroad. Now I can't wait to do it again for a whole semester.

Global Health minor receives gift

By Emily Singer

Last month, the College's Global Health minor program received a donation of \$40,000. The new funds will go toward improving the Global Health curriculum, hosting speakers and coordinating symposia.

The donation speaks to the growing importance of the study of global health, which the College offers as an interdisciplinary minor, blending political science, biology, economics, geography and anthropology. The College's GlobeMed chapter is linked to the Global Health minor and will have access to the donation as well.

"As a physician, the donor is well aware of the public health and medical challenges facing millions of people with scarce resources," wrote Bob Cluss, dean of curriculum, director of the natural sciences and professor of chemistry and biochemistry in an email. Cluss added

that he and affiliated faculty will work with global health students to "introduce new courses to the curriculum, and support additional programming such as [inviting] speakers to campus."

The creation of the minor was a student initiative, according to GlobeMed co-President Sam Peisch '13.5.

"It was in part due to the student demands that helped convince the College to institute the Global Health minor in the first place," Peisch wrote in an email. "This donation validates the discipline of global health and recognizes the need to [continue] expanding its success on campus and beyond."

A portion of the funding will likely go toward improving and expanding the minor's curriculum.

"The major issue currently facing the Global Health minor is that demand for its course offerings are exceeding the supply - increasingly, students are being

turned away from the core class, Global Health [SOAN 0267], simply because it fills up immediately," wrote Peisch.

Peisch hopes to see Global Health offered in both the fall and spring semesters, and SOAN 1018: Epidemiology regularly offered during Winter Term.

Fellow GlobeMed co-President Hannah Judge '12.5 cited the College's Executive-in-Residence and former President of Save the Children Charlie MacCormack as a new and vital resource for students.

"[MacCormack] has so much great insight to share with the community here, and we're excited to collaborate with him on all things philanthropic and global health-related," said Judge, alluding to the prospect of "combining academic work and practical application or service learning" within the minor.

The College is one of only a handful of non-university schools that offers an undergraduate global health program.

MacCormack to add new perspective

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macK will not be confined to a specific major, but will use his expertise across multiple disciplines.

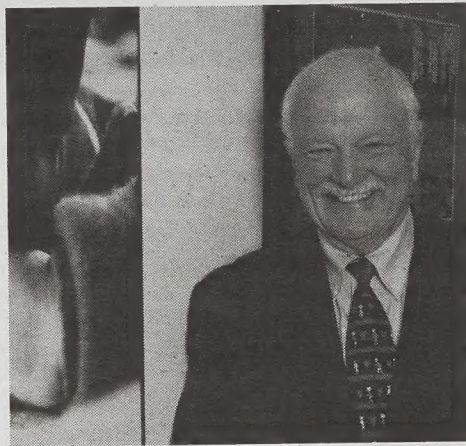
"He will work with many College offices and programs," Liebowitz said, including "the Center for Social Entrepreneurship, the Rohatyn Center for International Affairs, Education in Action, College Advancement and individual faculty and students, as a resource and mentor."

MacCormack has not strayed far from Middlebury, receiving an honorary doctorate from in 1982 from the College and more recently visiting as a guest lecturer on international development.

Last year, MacCormack helped facilitate a service-learning project through Save the Children with Assistant Professor of Political Science Sarah Stroup's Politics of International Humanitarian Action class.

Stroup called MacCormack "enormously valuable" and plans to involve the executive-in-residence in her class this spring.

"As a liberal arts institution, we do our



COURTESY: BRENDAN MAHONEY

Former President and CEO of Save the Children Charles MacCormack will join the College as an executive-in-residence.

very best to make people think about problems from a variety of perspectives," she said. "At the end of the day, however, we as professors are first and foremost academics. Most students are not going to go on and be-

come PhD's, most of them are going to be practitioners. It's useful to see these problems from an on the ground perspective, and Charlie can provide that based on decades of experience.

Hannah Judge '12.5 met MacCormack at a GlobeMed meeting he attended over Winter Term, and anticipates to learn much from the new resident.

"I couldn't be more excited about Charles MacCormack being at Middlebury," she said. "He is such a fantastic role model, and his leadership of Save the Children is inspiring."

Judge applauded Old Chapel for responding to student interest in global health and social justice.

"Bringing on someone like MacCormack is adding to the momentum on campus," said the global health minor. "I definitely appreciate his willingness to interact with and advise students, especially as we are feeling the job crunch. It's great to have such a successful mentor assure you that following passion and interest is the way to go."

PUBLIC SAFETY LOG JANUARY 31 - FEBRUARY 12, 2012

DATE	TIME	INCIDENT	DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	DISPOSITION
1/31/12	4:30 p.m.	Theft	Marijuana	Middlebury College	NO SUSPECTS
2/1/12	2:21 a.m.	Disturbance	Noise	Voter	REFERRED TO COMMONS DEAN
2/1/12	12:15 a.m.	Disturbance	Noise	Coffrin Hall	REFERRED TO COMMONS DEAN
2/2/12	12:25 a.m.	Vandalism	Property	Weybridge Street	NO SUSPECTS
2/3/12	4:15 a.m.	Suspicious Circumstances	Report of individual climbing through window	The Mill	CASE CLOSED
2/3/12	10:29 p.m.	Drug Violation Use	Marijuana	Pearsons	CASE CLOSED
2/4/12	12:56 a.m.	Fireworks Possession	Detonation	Franklin Street	NO SUSPECTS

The Department of Public Safety reported giving 14 alcohol citations between 1/31/12 and 2/12/12.

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Claremont McKenna admits to inflating SAT scores

The *New York Times* reported last month that Claremont McKenna College, a small college in California, has been submitting false SAT scores to publications such as the *U.S. News & World Report* for the past six years. Richard C. Vos, Claremont McKenna vice president and dean of admissions, resigned from his position. The scores were inflated by an average of 10-20 points.

In Sept. 2010, the combined median SAT score of admitted students was reported as 1,410, compared to the true median of 1,400. According to Senior Vice President of Publishing of "The Princeton Review" Robert Franek, the effect of the false scores on the college's rankings is unknown, but experts speculate that these inflated scores have undoubtedly had some impact on the college's scoring. *U.S. News and World Report* lists Claremont McKenna as the ninth-best liberal arts college in the nation.

— The New York Times

UVA murder trial continues

A trial surrounding the death of University of Virginia lacrosse player Yeardley Love has continued into its second week. Twenty-four-year-old former University of Virginia lacrosse player George Huguely has been charged with the May 2010 murder of Love, his ex-girlfriend. Huguely pleaded not guilty to first-degree murder and five other charges.

Michael Burns, a University of North Carolina lacrosse player who reportedly had an on-and-off relationship with Love, which Huguely resented, told jurors that he once witnessed a violent interaction between Huguely and Love and claimed Huguely sent her death threats days before her death. The defense claimed that Love's death was not premeditated by Huguely. The prosecution called upon witnesses who reported that Huguely developed drinking problem and was extremely jealous of Love's relationship with Burns, suggesting a deliberate attack.

— ABC News

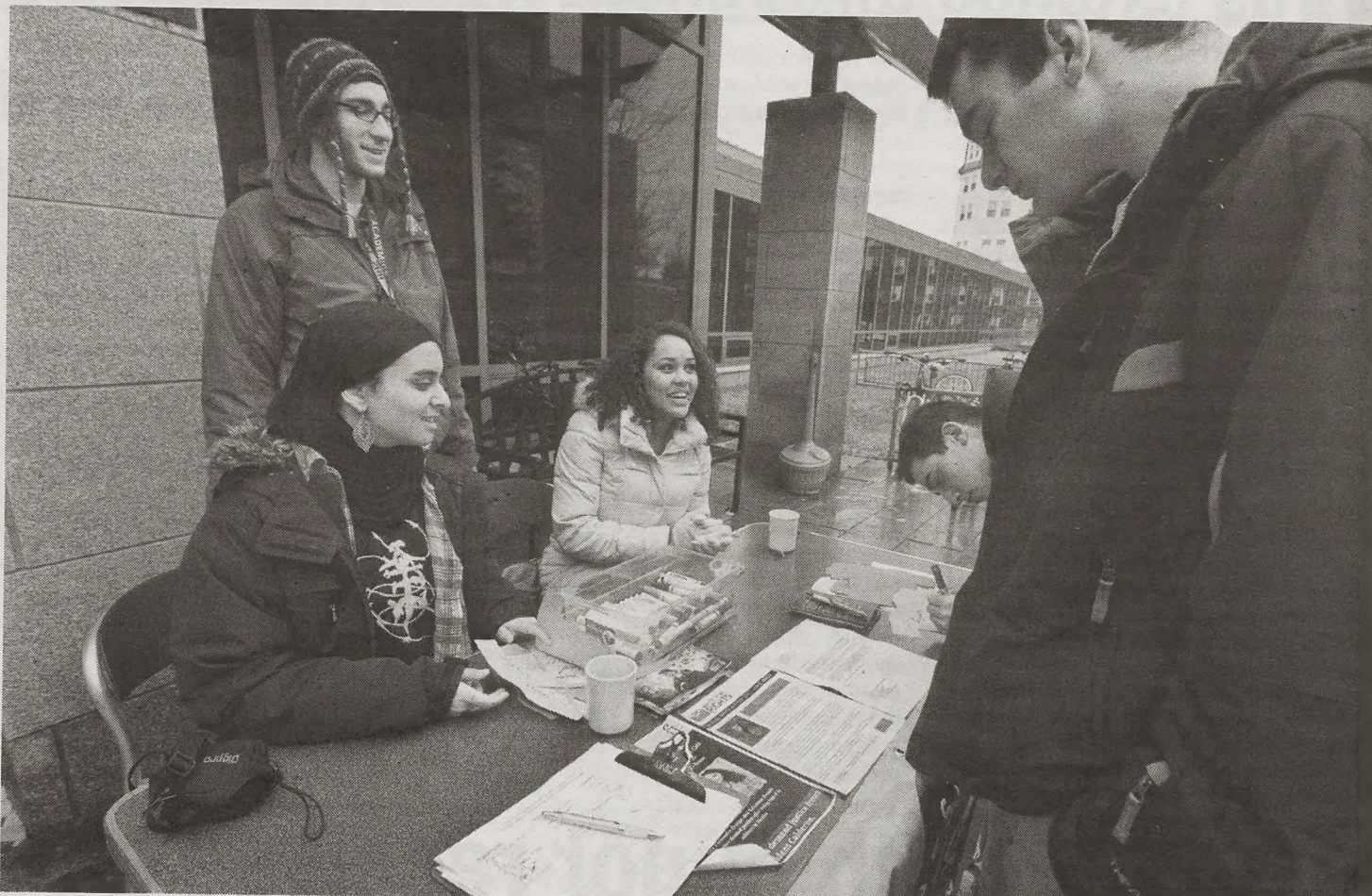
Dongguk University's lawsuit against Yale to proceed

On Feb. 10, a federal judge ruled that a \$50 million lawsuit filed against Yale University by Dongguk University of South Korea would not be dropped. Dongguk filed a suit in 2008 claiming that Yale had damaged its reputation by confirming that former Dongguk art history professor Shin Jeong-Ah had earned her doctorate at Yale, in spite of the fact that she had never studied there. Yale admitted to this mistake but claims it did not harm Dongguk's reputation.

The incident has grown into a nationwide scandal in South Korea and has been dubbed "Shin-gate" by the Korean media after other leading academics in South Korea were also exposed as having lied about their professional degrees. Shin is currently on trial for forgery.

— Yale Alumni Magazine

TABLING AGAINST IMPUNITY



ANDREW PODRYGULA

Above, student-activists attempt to raise awareness for the case of two indigenous Mexican women who were raped by members of the armed forces in 2002. The students, along with NGOs throughout the United States and Mexico, hope to influence the Calderon administration to put the offenders behind bars.

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Locally made product gains national attention

By Becca Fanning

The ancient wood floorboards flex under the weight of too many Bean boot-clad feet and the pulse of the music in the dimly lit room has attracted a few dancers. Yet the bulk of people stand gathered at one side, cups in hand, waiting. One by one they fill their cups from the aluminum keg, pausing after they pour to taste the sugary drink, drinking slowly to savor the contents of what will soon be an empty cup. This is a Woodchuck cider-keg party where the novelty of getting something other than beer out of a keg will never wear off.

"A party with a Woodchuck keg is boss. People love it," said Margo Cramer '12, of the nationally popular Woodchuck Hard Cider made right here in Middlebury.

"The Vermontiest of Vermonters are sometimes called 'woodchucks' and this seemed like a pretty good name for our small-batch, Vermont-based cider," the cider makers say.

Since 1991 when Greg Failing produced his first batch of Amber hard cider in an apple winery in Proctorsville, Vt., the company has grown tremendously.

"We have gone from one country store in Vermont, to distribution in all 50 states and we now operate a state-of-the-art cidery, capable of bottling 600 bottles a minute," said Bridget Blacklock, Marketing Director at Woodchuck.

With plans to begin operation of a \$22 million new cidery by 2013, Woodchuck has come a long way from the days of old garages, hand-filling with turkey basters and labels applied by hand.

"When Woodchuck was first produced, it reinvented a beverage that hadn't been mass produced since colonial times," Blacklock continued.

"One major obstacle was getting [consumers] to grab it off the shelf, and convincing stores that it was a worthwhile product to even put on their shelves in the first place."

The difficult days of selling Woodchuck are no longer – the cider has taken off across the nation, selling itself with a great taste and roots in the Vermont wilderness, it is so popular that there aren't enough apples in Vermont to sustain them (the granny smith apples come from the northwest, but the distillate Vermont apple juice in each

batch).

"Since the beginning a major component of our marketing has been through the grassroots," said Blacklock. "We participate in many sampling events as people try it – they tell their friends about it, who also try it. We don't do any TV or radio advertising."

And it appears that they don't need to. Like the meaning of their brand, the Woodchuck message is spread the old-fashioned way.

"We have some print advertising that we do, but it is limited. The brand is supported by the fans. The Woodchuck fans are dedicated and they spread the word. Luckily for us, that word is spreading faster than ever."

And it's true. From the Vermont orchard-grown apples to the taste-testing of cider every step of the way, Woodchuck is local to the core. And while the Woodchuck reference may be lost on out-of-staters, that doesn't stop the cider from making its way to stores and bars nationwide, gaining popularity in seemingly unlikely states such as Texas and Florida.

The initial push beyond New England took some time, but the "Vermont brand" worked in Woodchuck's favor.

"When people outside the state see that Woodchuck is handcrafted in Vermont, that is seen as a positive thing," said Blacklock.

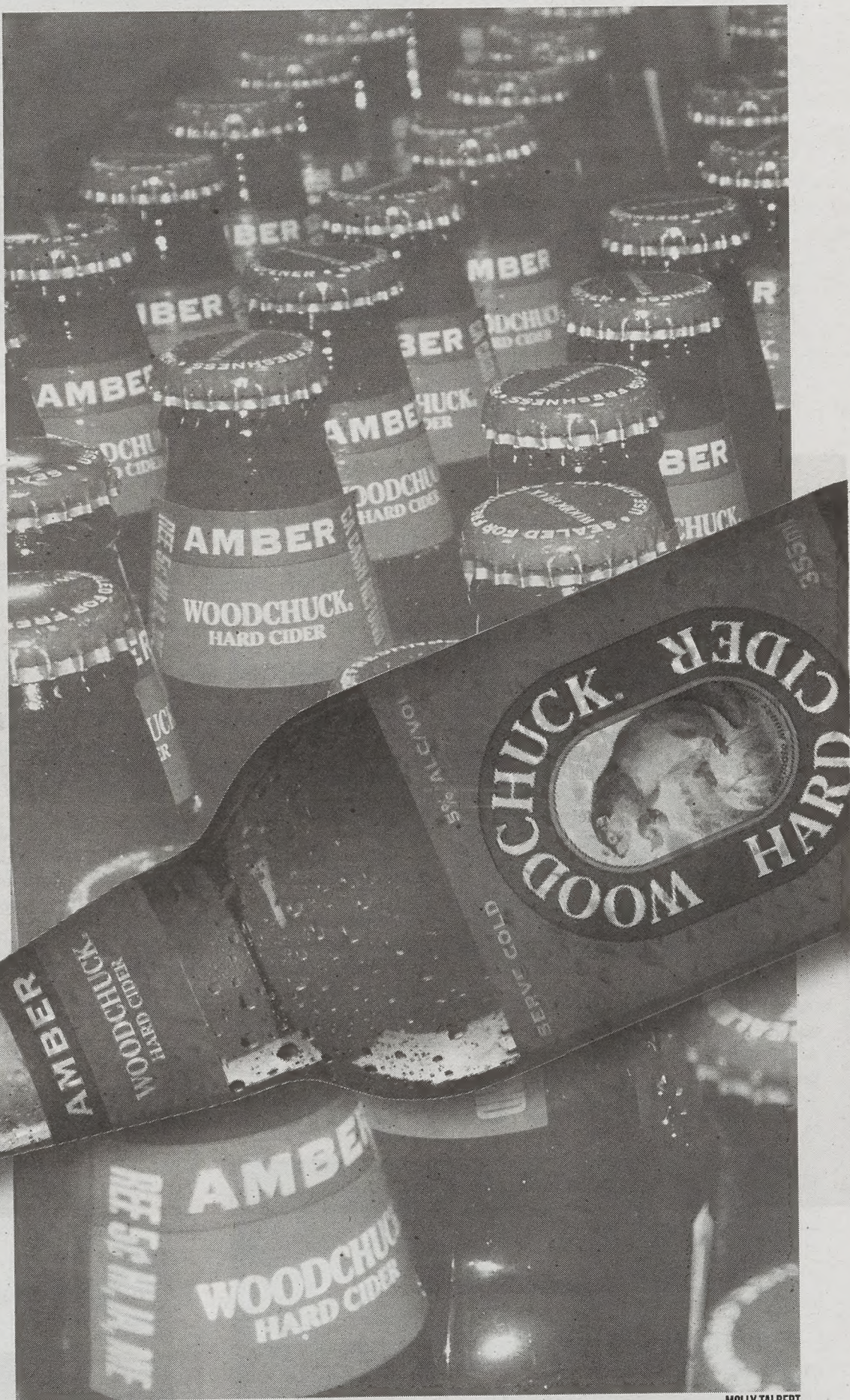
When asked about the benefits of producing Limited Reserves, Blacklock spoke to the dynamic, excited vibe of the young company.

"We like to change things up as the year goes on, which allows for us to innovate ground breaking ciders that will keep our fans excited about what might be next," she said.

She is particularly excited about the Private Reserve Belgian White, a cider made with Belgian beer yeast, coriander and orange peel, coming this spring.

"All of these ciders are things that have never been tried before," she said.

"We find that a lot of our consumers are outdoor types with a love for music and art, and they seek out brands of the highest quality to be a part of," she continued. Sounds a bit like the Midd Kids at those cider parties.



MOLLY TALBERT



Apple Cheese Soup

Ingredients:

1 cup grated apple

4 tbsp. butter

¾ cup flour

2 ½ cups milk

2 cups shredded sharp cheddar cheese

¼ tsp. salt

¼ tsp. nutmeg

½ bottle Woodchuck Hard Cider

Preparation:

In saucepan, cook apples and onions in butter until tender. Add flour

and blend until smooth. Stir in

milk and Woodchuck Hard Cider.

Cook over medium heat, stirring

occasionally until mixture thickens. Add cheese and seasonings.

Stir as they melt. Garnish with a dash of nutmeg.

check out woodchuck.com for more recipes and ideas

Ripton paths inspire reflection

By Molly Talbert

There are many hidden treasures in the woods of Vermont not far from the College campus. One such treasure is Spirit in Nature, a network of walking paths just 20 minutes east of Middlebury on Route 125. Each path is dedicated to a different faith – Unitarian, Buddhist, Christian, Pagan, Muslim, Friends, Jewish, Hindu and Bahai – and all symbolically intertwine together in a show of unity along with an Interfaith Peace Path, a Children's Path, a labyrinth and a Sacred Circle. Soon to be added are a Native American (Indigenous) and Druid path.

Although the creation of Spirit in Nature was inspired by the Dalai Lama's visit to Middlebury in 1990, the paths are "not necessarily about faith," said Carol Spooner, president of Spirit in Nature. It is about making a statement that "people of faith are caring for the earth and promoting that care."

This is a sentiment echoed by Jenny Marks '14, one of two Middlebury students on the board of Spirit in Nature. Marks was enchanted by Spirit in Nature last Winter Term.

"I went snowshoeing in the trails the first time last winter and immediately felt the magic of the place," she said. "The



COURTESY SPIRIT IN NATURE

The sacred circle is one of the features of the Spirit in Nature paths in Ripton.

trails are filled with inspiring, beautiful quotes from spiritual texts, leaders, and a variety of other sources. Just being there motivated me to get involved with faith-based environmentalism."

She was inspired to become an Environmental Studies major with a concentration in religion, philosophy and the environment with Associate Professor of Religion Rebecca Gould as her adviser. Gould also serves on the board of Spirit in Nature.

Nevertheless, Spirit in Nature feels removed from the student body.

"We'd like to have more of a connection with the College," said Reg Spooner, Carol's husband and Trail Coordinator. "If you're stressed out, need a break, walk in the woods, go to Spirit in Nature," he encouraged.

Carol echoed this desire. "We wish the professors at the College would take students up."

Middlebury is only one of two colleges to be connected with an organization like this. Skidmore is the other. According to the brochure, "Spirit in Nature includes seventy acres of tremendously

diverse Earth ... There are over 6,000 feet of river and brook frontage [to walk along] ... Spirit in Nature is a place where you come into sacred harmony with Earth and emerge renewed, ready to make a difference with your faith for an environmentally safer world."

It is with that idea in mind that Spirit in Nature awards the annual Eco-Spirit award to "somebody who has done something for the Earth," said Carol. Or, in the words of the Nature in Spirit website, the "annual Eco-Spirit Award honors outstanding persons of faith who are making a difference to the environment." Previous recipients of this award include Benjamin F. Wissler Professor of Physics Rich Wolfson, College Professor Emeritus John Elder, Gould and Schumann Distinguished Scholar Bill McKibben.

This year's recipient is David Brynn, president of Vermont Family Forests, an organization dedicated to the health of forests.

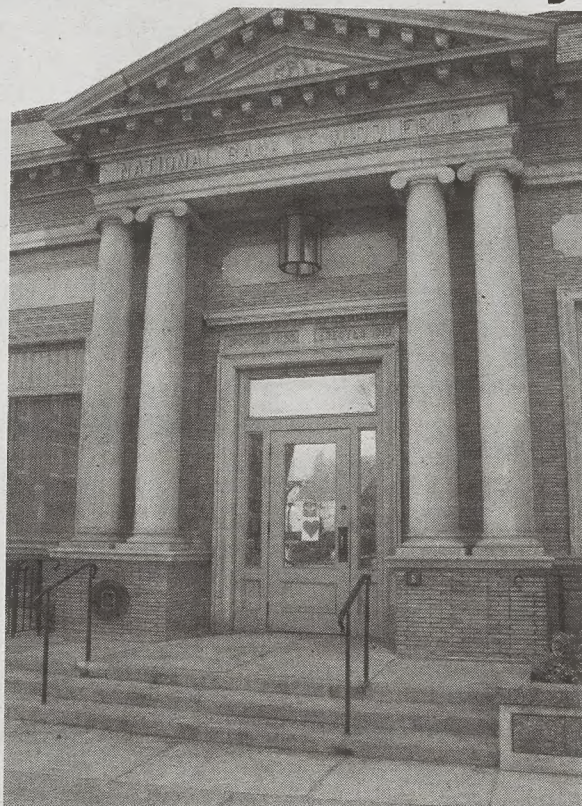
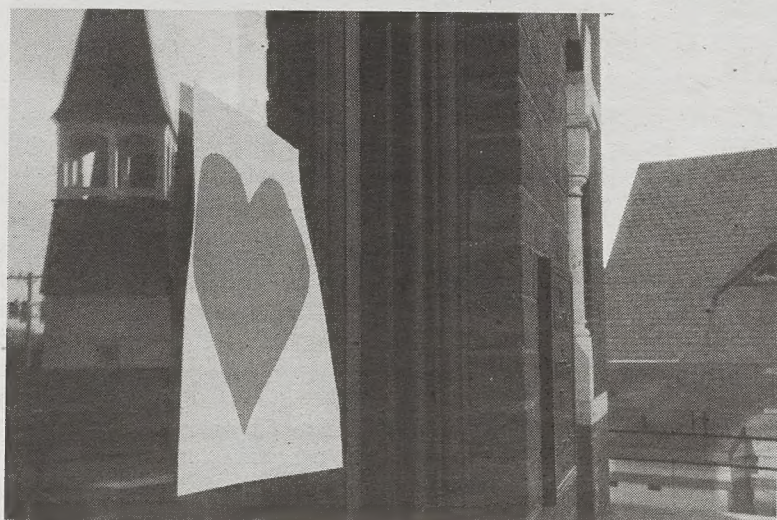
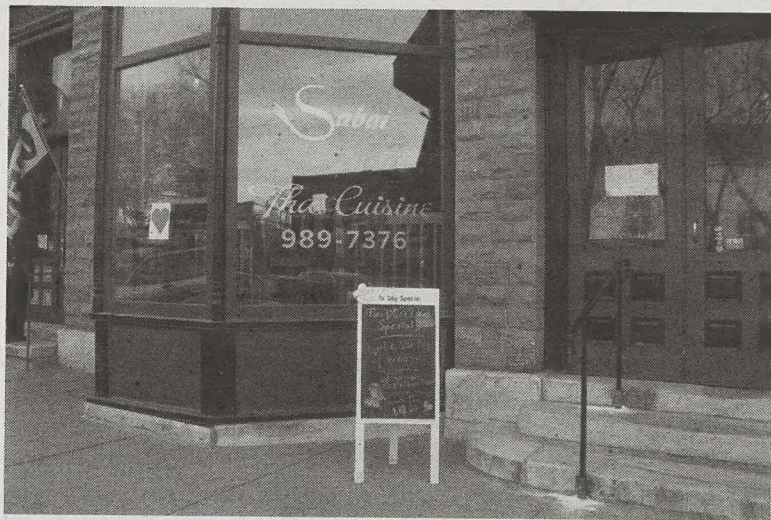
All are welcome to attend the annual meeting and watch the award be presentation at the Ilsley Library on Feb. 19 at 4 p.m.



COURTESY SPIRIT IN NATURE

Paths meander through the Ripton woods.

Valentine's day bandit strikes Middlebury



HANNAH BRISTOL

The Bandit began the tradition in Montpelier in 2002 when storefronts near the corner of Main St. and State St. were covered with pieces of paper with pink hearts on them. The following year, stores throughout the city were plastered with hearts.

The project has now grown to include towns throughout Vermont. This year, these hearts have appeared in Middlebury, adorning many stores on in town.

LOCAL LOWDOWN

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"An Afternoon in France" on stage

Yet another wonderful performance being put on at Town Hall Theater – a new play from David Moats, winner of the Pulitzer Prize, follows the Branch family through four generations and two World Wars. Filled with yearning, love and betrayal, this looks like it could be a good post-Valentines Day date. Tickets \$17, available at the THT box office, 802 382-9222 or townhalltheater.org

FEB. 16-19, 8 P.M.-10 P.M.

A Capella Benefit Concert

Can't get enough a capella on campus? Head down to the Champlain Valley Unitarian Universalist Society in Middlebury to listen to Maiden Vermont and Middlebury College's Stuck in the Middle (SIM). Then eat chocolate and other goodies at the reception following the performance. There is a suggested donation of \$10 per person, and the money raised will go to the Acorn Energy Co-op to support its monthly education series.

FEB. 17, 7 P.M. - 9 P.M.

Coram Deo Ice Show

Need some inspiration to hit the ice and learn to skate? Watch the Coram Deo ice show, "Uncommon Love," at the Memorial Sports Center in Middlebury. This multi-age show features ice dancing with music performed by the cast. Admission is free, with free will offering as well. For more information, call 802-352-1033 or email friendsinrg@gmail.com.

FEB. 17, 7:30 P.M. - 9:30 P.M.

Art in the Snow

Celebrate winter at this two-day celebration in Brandon of their art, food and wine. There will be open studios, fun classes, tasty wine tastings, talks, music, dining, antiques, books and much more. Visit www.artinthesnow.com for details. Online registration available.

FEB. 18, 9 A.M. - 6 P.M.

DJ Skate Night

Like skating but hate ice? Friends of Middlebury Hockey and Addison Central Teens are co-sponsoring a fun filled night of roller-rink style ice skating at the Memorial Sports Center! Don't worry, skate rentals are available. Adults \$5, students \$3.

FEB. 18, 8 P.M. - 10 P.M.

Metal Show

Support the local metal scene at the Bristol Hub Teen Center and Skate Park. Local bands, including Alive & Well, Ground Zero, Make Tonight, Honest Sons and Kingdom of Vandals will be performing at this all-ages show. Tickets are \$5.

FEB. 18, 7 P.M. - 10 P.M.

Liberal arts in a global context

The EDITORIAL

represents the official opinion of *The Middlebury Campus* as decided by the editorial board. Over the past several years, Middlebury has committed itself to becoming a "global liberal arts institution." It has invested time and energy in developing interactive language software and strengthening its relationship with the Monterey Institute for International Studies. This year, the College unveiled a new center for social entrepreneurship, looked to expand its campuses abroad, threw

its full support behind the work of the Solar Decathlon team and, most recently, hired new Executives-in-Residence — an impressive rap sheet to be sure. But while the College is to be commended on its remarkable expansion, we cannot help but express our concern about the evolving priorities these changes seem to herald.

There is no doubt that Middlebury continually pushes us to engage with the world in new and dynamic ways. That has always been a part of Midd's unique brand of liberal arts education. Since our first summer language school opened in 1915, our focus on both language and international studies has set us apart from our fellow institutions. And all of us have benefited from that reputation, either directly or indirectly, in some way. But the College, first and foremost, is an undergraduate institution, committed to the foundations of the liberal arts — the classroom. That is the reason most of us are here, and the reason that, despite our lack of technical training, employers

continue to value a Middlebury education.

So as we watch these changes occurring around us, understanding that both financial and human resources are limited — especially in this persisting economic climate — we cannot help but wonder if this attention to brand building and outside of classroom learning comes with a sacrifice to that original mission. We cannot say without a doubt that it has. But we also cannot say with complete certainty that it will not. And that is a conversation we should be having.

If our funds, energies and priorities are being directed beyond the classroom, could our experiences within it be compromised? Or, on the most fundamental level, what does this agenda mean for the future of the liberal arts educations we all signed up for?

The reality is that as the global climate and job market continues to change, many have begun to question the relevance of the liberal arts as a whole. It can, at times, feel

as though the "great books" or "dead languages" are beginning to lose their significance. But at Middlebury, time and time again, we have the importance of this classical learning reaffirmed. No matter the major, our professors and peers have turned us into critical thinkers and confident writers. The fundamentals of liberal arts have fostered academic curiosity and, for many, lifetime passion. And whatever the future of our academic system, that needs to be protected.

We do not mean to condemn the College or even imply that there has been an official change in priorities. In many ways, the expansion we are seeing has the potential to provide opportunities that integrate seamlessly with our more traditional learning. We are simply suggesting that as we move forward, we — the students and the administration — need to think carefully and openly about the consequences of the changes that are being made and ensure that, throughout these discussions, the core values of the liberal arts are kept in the forefront.

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Don't forget about the classroom

In the Jan. 26 issue of the *Campus*, we published an op-ed ("The Time for Honesty!") from three students criticizing the supposedly extreme workload at Middlebury. Stress, they

NOTES FROM THE DESK

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say heavy workloads are the problem, I say they are the reason we are here. Before applying, we all knew Middlebury prided itself on academic excellence and that professors here would challenge us to read more, think harder and write better than we ever had before. We knew there would be late nights in the library or the lab, and that yes, at times, we would be stressed. We would think — and probably all have thought — at some point that we wouldn't be able to finish our work, that the challenges ahead were insurmountable. But that's what makes this school great. We are pushed to the limit, balancing academics, sports and extracurricular activities, and after four years, we come out better for it. We are forced to read quickly and efficiently for main ideas and then analyze and organize those ideas into a cogent argument: in short, a skill that is invaluable in any job.

And it shows. Recruiters come back to campus, time and again, knowing that although we may not have the technical skills of our state school friends, we have the critical thinking skills — developed through four years of rigorous classes — to prepare us to solve any problem.

The authors who penned the original op-ed asked me if high workloads and intellectual growth through intensive critical thinking had to go together. It's a good question and implicitly questions, I think, a lot of the work professors here assign us. They're right to wonder if reading assignments of hundreds of pages really help us learn, when — and I'm sure professors know this — we can't possibly get through all the reading.

Aside from the positive effects of preparing us to handle the pressures of non-academic life, favoring reflection over research is a dangerous precedent, not only for a college but also for a society. One need only turn on CNN or Fox to see pundits pontificating on topics they really don't know enough about; or even a Congressional hearing to hear our elected leaders, on both sides of the aisle, talk like they're "experts" on a topic after reading a one-page executive summary. As in the hard sciences, I only shudder to think what would happen if the future doctors and engineers among us were allowed to skirt through Orgo or physics, cutting their time in the lab in favor of critical reflection on the role of scientists in society.

While millions of Americans not as fortunate as us are confronted with the real stresses of surviving in the midst of a recession, for four years we're comforted by the knowledge that no matter what, we'll have dinner waiting for us in Proctor and a warm bed to go home to. We have this extraordinary opportunity to dig into our studies and push ourselves to learn more and think harder. Let's make the most of it.

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Corrections:

In the Jan. 26 article "Wind turbine spins Vt. in a green direction," the *Campus* misrepresented the relationship between Addison County Relocalization Network (ACORN) and Acorn Energy Co-op, which are separate entities. The community solar project mentioned is in fact a collaboration between Acorn Energy Co-op, Cooperative Insurance Co. and the Town of Middlebury, while the pellet fuel sourcing is the responsibility of Acorn Energy Co-op alone. The *Campus* regrets the error.

In the Jan. 26 article "Breaking down the AD budget," the *Campus* cited a statistic from the Department of Education's website on Equity in Athletics in which the average salary for head coaches of men's teams at Middlebury College was \$38,379 for the Fiscal Year 2010 and \$31,111 for head coaches of women's teams in that same year. While the statistic presented was correct, it only represents one portion of a coach's salary at Middlebury College. As Director of Athletics Erin Quinn outlined, all coaches are entrusted with significant secondary roles in addition to coaching their primary sport. When taking these other roles into consideration, head coaches are considered Full Time Employees (FTEs). The average salary for FTEs at Middlebury was \$84,615 for men's teams and \$67,146 for FTEs of women's teams. The averages cited in the article for both Amherst and Williams were also head coaches' salaries rather than the average salaries of FTEs. The *Campus* regrets the error.

Reagan raised the rates

The other night a friend of a friend who I hadn't seen in a while came up to me at a party. "So," he said, "what's it like being one of the five other Republicans on campus?" I laughed. "I'm not. Sorry to disappoint you."

I often come off as relatively conservative on this campus, which is a bit of a challenge when I'm supposedly writing the "liberal" column. My discomfort with the more radical of political and social movements here means that I often find myself more comfortable with friends who are actually Republicans; had I grown up in a different political climate, I probably would have been one myself.

At heart, I'm a fairly conservative person. I could never have been a hippie even to the modest extent that my parents were: I don't think I look good with a beard or with

long hair, I don't like to smoke and I like to wear nice clothing. I believe in balanced budgets, I'm not a fan of the unions that cripple our education system and our economy, and I believe that American power has a legitimate place on the world stage. But although I developed a bit of a man crush on Jon Huntsman throughout the primary process, I could never actually vote for a Republican for a major party office, at least not in today's climate.

I'll leave a discussion of social and scientific issues for a later time; many of the Republicans I know in our generation believe that two people who love each other should have the privilege to marry, that global warming and evolution are unshakable truths, and that abortion, while sad, is a settled political issue.

The reason that I could never vote Republican is both simple, extremely important and — sorry — somewhat boring: tax policy. The current Republican orthodoxy on taxes is bad for this country, morally reprehensible and does not make any sort of economic or even mathematical sense. When every serious Republican candidate takes a solemn vow to never raise taxes, it should raise warning bells for any rational voter. What do Ronald Reagan, George H.W. Bush

and Bill Clinton have in common? All of them raised taxes in order to reduce budget deficits.

One of the leading Presidential candidates, whose first name is — according to polls — either "Willard" or "Mittens," pays a tax rate of less than 14 percent and would receive a massive tax cut under his own economic plan — and the plans of his rivals — while the taxes on the poor and middle class would rise. There are not enough words to truly capture the horrifying and callous hypocrisy of this position. When can we stop pretending that lowering taxes on an extremely comfortable wealthy population will do any good for the working class in this country? When will we stop pretending that the Republicans give a flying fox about balancing the budget when their only solution is to lower already historically low tax rates? It is time to seriously address the twin devils of economic inequality and extreme budget deficits. Happily, both have a solution; the same solution.

As the recession draws to a close, and the American economy begins a tenuous recovery, President Obama must take the politically tough position and allow the Bush tax cuts — a failed and foolish experiment in Reagonomics — to expire in full. We could not afford them at the time, nor can we now. That alone will go a long way toward rebalancing the budget. At the same time, we must close the most ridiculous of the loopholes in the tax code. There are far and away too many deductions and loopholes — for second and third homes, for company cars and for private jets — that allow the wealthy and the clever to pay even lower rates. We heavily subsidize oil companies and giant farms while small business stagnates, and the rest of the economy suffers. We must also raise the capital gains tax rate to 25 or 30 percent so that the mega rich do not pay such an absurdly low rate.

It is wrong that Romney — who earned more than \$20 million in 2010 — pays a lower tax rate than my high school biology teacher, who made around \$60,000. Call it the Buffet rule or the Romney rule — we need reform, and we need it now. Until I see a Republican with a rational view of tax reform, I'll blindly pull the lever for the Democrats every time.

Striking down Prop 8

On Feb. 7, the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals struck down California's Proposition 8, which is a referendum stating that "only marriage between a man and woman is valid or recognized in California."

Writing the majority opinion, Judge Stephen Reinhardt said that the referendum could not be upheld because it stripped a group of a previously held right.

In the U.S., though, via the 14th amendment, a law can take away previously held rights, so long as it is taken away through due process and, depending on the type of law it is, that the government interest in taking away the right passes either a strict-scrutiny or a rational basis test.

The first question, then, is to determine whether or not same-sex marriage is a fundamental right. In *Palko v. Connecticut*, the Court defined fundamental rights as rights "rooted in the traditions and conscious of our people" and essential for "ordered liberty."

Clearly, same-sex marriage fails this test, and thus eschews the heightened scrutiny due fundamental rights. Consequently, laws related to same-sex marriage need only pass the rational basis test afforded all other rights, in which case the law must only have a legitimate reason.

Legitimate reasoning does not mean that the faculty and students at Middlebury College must agree. It means not irrational. Reasonable minds can disagree with the reasoning without declaring it completely devoid of rationality.

Here, then, is where the Court went wrong. In his opinion, Judge Reinhardt argues that there is absolutely no rational reason for taking away the right of same-sex couples to marry and, on this basis, the Court voted to strike down the referendum.

Indeed, the Court discounts any notion of preserving the traditional definition of marriage as wholly without rationality, declaring it born of ill will toward a particular group. This case is a tough sell, though, because this very same state passed legislation granting every privilege and right of marriage to domestic partnership — that is, every right short of using the term "marriage."

Additionally, Judge Reinhardt — and the 9th Circuit Court at large — ignore a rational reason for upholding the proposition: that the majority of the

people of California voted to approve it.

Now, this isn't to say that the Court should accept all democratically-approved actions. Indeed, in many cases, the Court has functioned admirably to overturn the rule of the majority when it infringed on the rights of the minority as established in the Constitution.

In *Brown vs. Board of Education*, for example, a democratically-elected legislature enacted laws creating segregated schools.

Acting justly, the Supreme Court ruled that the legislature's actions were unconstitutional, both because they violated the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment and lacked any legitimate governmental interest.

There is not a problem of equal protection in this case because, legally speaking, straight citizens do not have any rights that homosexual citizens lack. A straight person may not enter a marriage with a person of the same sex, nor may a homosexual person be forbidden from marrying a person of the opposite gender.

None of this is to say that achieving gay marriage in this country is not a noble, good end. It also isn't to say that the fact that many gay couples are denied marriage is just.

Instead, it is a question of the methods by which we achieve ends in this country — namely, through a vote of the people, where everyone is represented, or by a ruling of the few, where those voting have been neither elected nor held accountable for their decisions by the people.

Instead of judicial legislating, there are alternative, Constitutional methods to achieving gay marriage in the U.S.

For example, Governor Chris Gregoire signed into law a bill allowing gay marriage in the state of Washington on Monday, after the popularly elected state legislature voted to allow it. Similarly, New York's state legislature voted to allow same-sex marriage in 2011.

So, while many disagree with the outcome of California's Proposition 8 vote, the 9th Circuit's nullification of it is wrong and counterproductive.

The question is not one of the righteousness of same-sex marriage, but whether the United States will preserve republican governance.

FROM THE BENCH

Kelsi Morgan '14 is from Owasso, Okla.

A professor's actions viewed in another light

I am writing this in response both to the *Campus's* reporting on Kateri Carmola's resignation in the Nov. 10, 2011, issue ["Carmola to resign position,"] and the letter to the editor from Michael and Judy Olinick dated Jan. 19, 2012 ["What is not being said."]

Many readers of the *Campus* are probably not familiar with a town historical society in Vermont. These are small groups of community members

READER OP-ED

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who devote time, energy and a small amount of money to help ensure that the legacy of their town's role in history is maintained. I am somewhat familiar with the Ferrisburgh Historical Society, and if Salisbury's is anything like Ferrisburgh's, its 20 or so members are mostly elderly folks on fixed incomes. The article about Carmola's actions in the March 21, 2011, issue of *The Addison Independent* quoted the president of the Salisbury Historical Society saying that the society raises about \$2000 "in a good year."

For me and virtually everyone I know, one of the hardest things for us to comprehend about Ms. Carmola's

actions is how it could even occur to her to appropriate funds from a small group of her neighbors, let alone a total amount — \$4,500 — that represented over two years of the society's fundraising efforts. In addition, the same article quotes the president of the Salisbury Historical Society: "Salisbury Historical Society funds cannot be spent without consent of the full board." In clear violation of that, court documents state, "Carmola allegedly made 11 transfers ranging from \$200 to \$1,000 between July 6 and Sept. 8, 2010."

This is not "one bad lapse of judgment" as the Olinicks have described it. These are multiple violations of an organization's constitutional integrity by an officer of the organization who had fiduciary responsibilities. And while the Olinicks were accurate in saying that the entire sum was repaid "before the involvement of law enforcement," Carmola repaid the "loan" ("borrowed" without permission) only after the board of the Salisbury Historical Society called an emergency meeting and asked Ms. Carmola to repay the funds and resign from the board. I cannot imagine what it must have felt like for those board members to have to confront someone in that kind of situation.

The *Independent* article also quotes court documents as saying that Ms.

Carmola used society funds to pay personal expenses associated with some Middlebury College-related trips. Ms. Carmola was a tenured faculty member at Middlebury College; I am likewise employed at Middlebury College though with a much lower employment status. I know that if I am traveling on College business and do not have the personal financial wherewithal to cover my travel expenses, I can ask for an advance to cover those expenses. If the College provides me with that resource, I am sure tenured faculty members have the same opportunity. In using College-related travel as a reason for the use of the funds, Ms. Carmola was not only, at best, ill-informed about how she might best cover her travel expenses, she publicly involved her employer in her criminal case.

The Olinicks feel that the College has "inflicted a far heavier penalty than the state has levied" because the state "will expunge her record." Ms. Carmola has a criminal record right now, so the College cannot do anything more severe. It may be coincidence, but Ms. Carmola will retain a paid, non-tenured position at the College until June of 2013, about the time the State will expunge her record if she refrains from criminal activity for the two years subsequent to her criminal sentencing. She will be able to apply for

jobs — untenured jobs, like most of us have — able to truthfully answer "no" to the questions on the applications that ask if she has a criminal conviction. I am almost certain that someone in my position at the College who had admitted to embezzlement would have been fired immediately. In my view, the College has been, if anything, generous to Ms. Carmola, who has probably been aided in all this by competent counsel.

While there are many more aspects about this case that I find troubling, it is stunning to read that the Olinicks feel that only academic misdeeds should be cause for a revocation of tenure, and that, apparently (based on the comments from students in the November article in the *Campus*), students feel that her performance in the classroom is all that should matter. In my view, Ms. Carmola's actions as treasurer of the Salisbury Historical Society called her character into question. If she could so easily misuse the funds of a town historical society, how could any employer trust her with any of their resources, particularly when those resources include the minds of young people? Whatever machinations lie behind her resignation, I and many of my friends and family members have been heartened to see that there are some misdeeds that are not protected by tenure.

America's racism reaches Middlebury

Whoever has ear to hear what really happened in Middlebury College last November will be happy to hear the view of the whole situation from a main character, an "older man," a culprit of the whole thing: Luaay Elamir.

"Beware of those who found the truth. Trust those who constantly seek it."

The main reason why I "violated extended stay of more than three days" in a student dorm for which Barrett [Smith '13] was targeted and then formally excusably punished for was that I suffered from bronchitis. I almost got over it (it was in a last stage then), only to be kicked out by police on the street in a middle of a cold night. But, of course why would anyone

READER OP-ED

Luaay Elamir is from Croatia and currently lives in Vancouver, Canada.

care where a tall, black, dreadlocked stranger with bronchitis will spend the night on minus X degrees or so.

No, I am not homeless as some classified me, I

simply stayed that long for the reason above as well as for enjoying company of Barrett, his friends and some other people.

Even if I was homeless, so what? I noticed how in American sick and twisted society being homeless is tolerated less than being a corrupted politician or ruthless law enforcement official. Americans need to be educated that NOBODY asked or wanted to become homeless. I am shocked how many Americans in fact believe exactly that.

This is why police on Nov. 21, 2011, on the night of eviction suspecting I am homeless, on the top of being black with dreads, treated me as trash, not letting me say anything in my defense. It is so clear for the reasons of racism and classism why I was not given benefit of a doubt.

The officers who shamelessly taunted me of being homeless also reprimanded me for trimming my hair in a male bathroom. Normal people anywhere on the planet, except in America, do not see either of those actions as questionable behavior or a crime. I have seen more world than those officers and campus people did and they ever will, yet in their eyes, somehow I am worth less. If this is not racism, what is it? Actually, when I think about how it was socially acceptable up to 1961 in your country to shoot a black person if they dared to drink from the faucet labeled "whites only" I shouldn't be surprised and expect justice with apologies and flowers on it.

Now, let me address some other accusations against me: urinating in a cup occurred, but I was discreet and can easily prove that girls haven't seen anything inappropriate — in fact they ASSUMED what I was doing by observing me, spying on me from a distance. Here is the proof: let a wise, dedicated, researcher of the truth talk to those girls and ask them whether they saw my penis. If they honor the truth, their answer will most likely be no. But, everybody knows that it won't even come to that point, because pissing in a cup is not an issue here, it is only an excuse. Those girls wouldn't even be willing to give public, signed testimony if asked to. It is easier to rely and cover the whole thing with a blanket of rumors, removing a foreign body out with no thorough investigation and continue living as a happy shiny family as if nothing had happened.

Guess what? I personally witnessed a white guy pissing on a wall of your campus. He wasn't shy or discreet at all. So if I would give you his description I bet nobody will go look for him, am I correct? Even if he gets caught, the maximum he would get is

a slap on the wrist. This is the impression I have from reading Middlebury College blog posts that are concerning the incident involving myself.

This Middlebury experience is not unique for me in my travels across America. Not at all. I have had worse. But this is what characterizes your country: fear, racism, classism, paranoia, hypocrisy, discrimination and imperialism among others are the identity of your country. Not to be mistaken, every country has problems and its own issues, but is it an accident that I constantly went through this crap while being a guest in your country? How come I haven't gone through this as much or at all while I was in Russia, Europe, Cuba and some other "rogue states"?

I saw how nowhere else but in America, society suffers from a disease called "political correctness," and when you try to enforce it, you fail even harder. And then you start disgusting yourself, being aware that the victim didn't buy your sense of justice and you yourself don't believe in it, unless it is applicable to yourself only, but then it is not called "justice, equality, democracy," and other cheap U.S.-led propaganda slogans, it is something else; it's called dictatorship and fascism.

Double standards are nothing new; however, be aware that big politics originates in the mentality of small ordinary citizens, their thinking, their mindshape; therefore they have no excuse of not being accountable for what their country does and how it treats their own citizens, including foreign citizens in America as well as foreign citizens abroad whom U.S. troops helped to be occupied, enslaved or ethnically cleansed. For instance, U.S. war planes bombed Vietnam decades ago to its core. As a cause and effect today, a number of Vietnamese

infants are born mutilated with all kinds of birth defects; thanks to chemicals used in U.S. "freedom bombs" delivered to sovereign nation of Vietnam. So, why am I not surprised when in conversation with most, if not all, American citizens I encounter, there is feeling of justification for dropping the atomic bomb on Japan and destruction of Vietnam? How many Americans object to the fact that even up to today's date the U.S. government refuses to

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call the war in Vietnam by its right name — "war" — but rather chooses softer term: "containment." There is an obvious match between U.S. government policy and mentality of ordinary U.S. citizens.

If you let this incident slide, not inspecting it with a magnifying glass, not calling it by its right name, sooner or later you

become accustomed to it, treating it as something normal and acceptable and that is dangerous.

America fears strangers and foreigners for the simple reason of its bloody heritage and crimes committed in the past and in present, all over the world. From a psychological point of view it is easy to explain it, just look at the average killer: he thinks everybody else is a killer and will go after him or her. Such a person fears its own shadow. Well, the sooner you guys get the cure for your paranoia you will have an easier time with yourself and with others as well. When you travel abroad you won't have to fear being American or being hated, sewing Canadian flags on your backpacks, etc. The way to reach that state are people such as Barrett Smith with a good reputation, sharp mind, bright ideas, decent morals and a lovely spirit, but instead of elevating them and uplifting them you put them down with humiliating and unjust dismissal from their public positions. It makes me think America hasn't learn anything from its past.

week in tweets



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took my shirt off during madonna's half time show... why don't my uncles understand me?? #superbowl



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last... bite... of... sushi! #febbreak



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how can i casually apply makeup at JFK during my layover before awkwardly running into half of proctor on my connecting flight? #febbreak



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how can i parlay the sexually charged panini-talk with my proctor crush into pillow-talk this semester??? #sexistential question



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OKAY TAKE ME TO THE HOT NEW FEBS PLEASE



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didn't have to drink water out of a mug tonight! #middvictory



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took a poop on my new hall! #middvictory



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theatrically rejected valentine's day hoopla because IT'S A CONSUMER HOLIDAY! #selfdelusions



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torn between being ecstatic over the mild feb weather and just wanting A LITTLE BIT OF FREAKIN SNOW!!!

The time for personal responsibility!

In an editorial published on Jan. 26, Sam Koplinka-Loehr '13, Mahnaz Rezaie '13 and Fayeze Haj Hassan '14 called for a "time for honesty" and presented an exhaustive list of negative effects of the academic workload at Middlebury (Jan. 26). They wrote to "demand less work!"

Middlebury does not need a "time for honesty" — it needs a time for personal responsibility from students.

We are lucky to enjoy opportunities to learn from our classes, our extracurricular activities, our classmates and the Middlebury community. Students may be frustrated to discover that every activity carries an opportunity cost, but nothing truly keeps students from enjoying the things they wish to enjoy except their own method of prioritizing.

While it's a fair statement to say that most students experience stress at some point during their four years at Middlebury, many students rise to the challenge and benefit from overcoming the negative effects. For me, the process of learning to balance the many sources of my education is an important part of growing up, defining myself as an adult and becoming independent.

There are already systems in place to help students reduce their stress. Professors present a syllabus (or at least an outline) on the first day of class and students have the add/drop period to decide if the workload is suitable for their schedule. Each major declaration form requires a signature from the department chair — getting this signature can facilitate

a conversation to provide students with information about their major's workload. All professors hold office hours throughout the semester. Tutors in the Center for Teaching and Learning (CTLR) help with assignments and time management.

Commons deans, who are also members of the faculty, help students with academic issues. The Counseling Center helps students deal with both social and academic pressures. These resources and several more exist, but students are personally responsible for taking advantage of them. Finally, if a student remains unhappy, perhaps Middlebury is not the right fit and that student should explore the option of changing schools.

I am disappointed that their editorial offers no constructive solutions to the problem presented — just a request that those in agreement "like" a Facebook page. Their pure criticism creates a whiny tone, and the overall depiction of their academic workload as a burden presents a privileged viewpoint in which the writers are seemingly unaware of how lucky they are to enjoy the opportunities a college education provides.

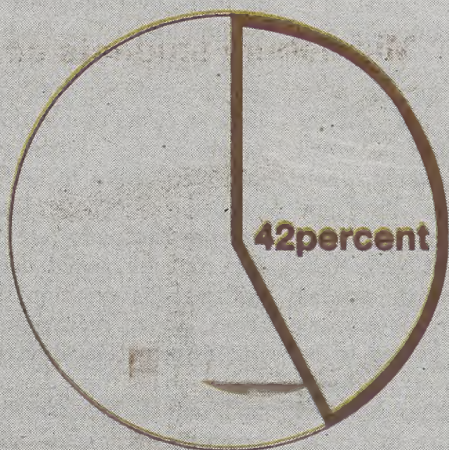
While I believe Koplinka-Loehr, Rezaie and Haji Hassan are right to encourage a healthy environment on campus, they need to remain cognizant of their responsibility to create that for themselves.

NOTES FROM THE DESK

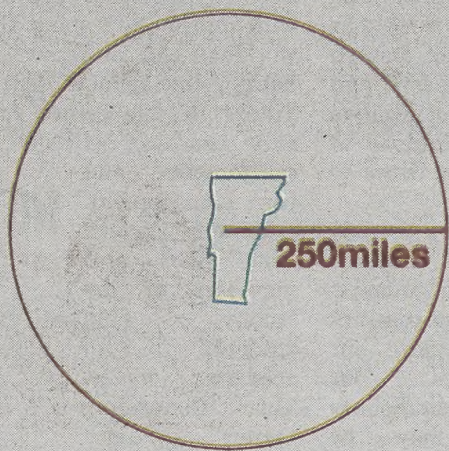
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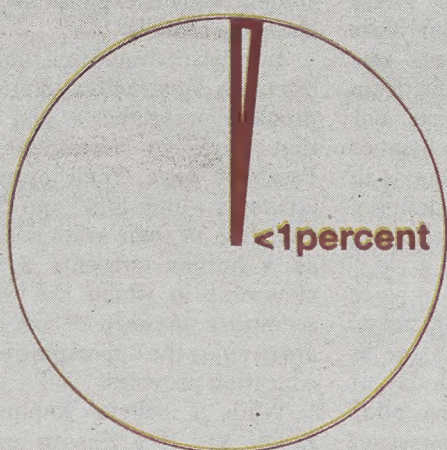
THE CARNIVORE DILEMMA



42percent
of Middlebury students surveyed believe the majority of dining hall meat come from within



250miles
of campus. They're wrong. In reality,



<1percent
comes from local sources.

WHAT KIND OF MEAT DO YOU EAT?

Do you know where the meat served in the dining hall comes from? Do you know what percentage of it is local, organic — factory farmed? Do you know on average how far the meat travels from farm to plate? Do you know how this affects the planet, your body and our community?

According to a survey performed in the fall of 2011 by the Organic Garden, most students don't.

The survey found that 42 percent of Middlebury College students believed incorrectly that the majority of meat served in the dining halls is local, organic or produced by small farms.

The majority of students seem to care however, with 68 percent of respondents stating that they are "concerned about how the meat in the dining halls is raised and where it comes from," and 79 percent of respondents stating that they would "like more information in the dining halls about where food items come from."

In a series of interviews in January, the Dining Hall Services staff, student advocates and faculty provided the answers.

FROM FACTORY FARM TO PROCTOR PLATE

When posed the question of where the meat in our dining hall comes from, Dining Hall Services Director Matthew Biette responded: "The easy answer is off the truck." Biette explained that while 20 percent of the total food served in the dining hall is locally produced, less than one percent of the meat served is produced within a 250-mile range. Over 99 percent of the meat he stated, is sourced from large, non-local factory farms.

Dining services purchasing agent Charles Sargent further clarified that virtually none of the local meat is served to students,

as it is often reserved for catering functions and for use at 51 Main where higher prices can be passed on to paying customers.

While nearly one-half of students believe that the majority of the meat is local and sustainably produced, this remains a distant goal due to budget constraints. According to Biette, the 267,909 pounds of meat that Middlebury College students consume every year travels roughly 1500 miles from factory farm to Proctor Dining Hall cutting board, and changes hands multiple times.

According to Sargent Middlebury College purchases the vast majority of its animal protein from two national suppliers: Reinhart Foodservices of Burlington, Vt., and Sysco of Albany, Vt. These two distributors are in turn supplied primarily by multinational food producers.

In the case of Reinhart Foodservices, these suppliers are Tyson, Burger Maker and Mountaineer Farms.

"Tyson is all around the country — from coast to coast for all of their products: beef, pork and chicken," said Sargent, commenting on the scale upon which Tyson, one of the largest meat producers in the world, sources its meat.

According to U.S. Department of Agriculture standards, food distributors and multinational companies must be able to trace the source of their products back to the factory farms from which their products came. Such a process is extremely complicated, however, and only employed when a company is obligated to recall a defective or dangerous product.

"Would it be possible to trace where the meat comes from? Straight answer: yes, but could you do it without a great deal of difficulty, absolutely not," said Biette.

EFFICIENCY — SUPERSIZED

Such a disconnected production web is not the result of the dining hall services team cutting corners, but rather the result of the monumental changes that have

occurred in the animal agriculture industry in the last 60 years. In an effort to maximize food production, farms have been transformed into mechanized production facilities. Centralized Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs) have replaced the traditional farms of the 19th and 20th centuries.

Under these conditions soil depletion, water contamination and carbon emissions are treated as irrelevant externalities. Animals are routinely fed "preventative antibiotics" through their feed, factory workers are often injured and underpaid and toxic animal waste is left to sit in football-field-size pits surrounding farms.

While multinational companies still advertise under multiple names, giving the impression of food diversity, five major companies have consolidated much of the meat production in America. Two of these companies are Tyson and National Beef — major suppliers for Reinhart Foodservices in Burlington.

THE REALITY OF THE DOLLAR

In an environmental economics class last spring, Uma Tantri '11 completed a report entitled "Issues surrounding local food sourcing in Addison County, Vermont: The case of Middlebury College and poultry." In her report, Tantri illustrated the benefits of sourcing locally by identifying the positive health, environmental and social ramifications of such a system. She explained that a local purchasing model helps to keep money within a community, encourages the rearing of animals under more ethical conditions and supports a system that produces a smaller carbon footprint.

Tantri also illustrated however, the significant price difference between local and factory-farmed meat, and the profound difficulty such an obstacle poses in the implementation of a food purchasing model that encourages

MORE'S EMMA

By Bronwyn Oatley



greater local sourcing.

Rob Litch, owner of locally based Misty Knoll Farms, explained that his poultry is "probably two and a half to three times more expensive" than factory farmed chicken and turkey. Litch also emphasized however, that institutions always have a choice to make with the suppliers that they use to source meat for their students, stating that, "the University of Vermont has been a big supporter."

In recognition of such a discrepancy, Biette explained that Middlebury's unlimited dining plan limits his team's ability to purchase a greater quantity of local food. He illustrated that institutions that require students to pay for each meal can afford to buy a greater variety of local food, passing the cost of the more expensive fare on to the student consumer. The Middlebury College team however, must work within a fixed budget, striving to provide high-quality meals for all tastes and dietary restrictions.

Sargent also explained that the dining hall budget has been stagnant in recent years, making it more difficult to provide local food. While Sargent welcomed the four percent increase to the food budget that will come in the next fiscal year, he acknowledged that in recent years, "the inflation rate for food has been around five to six percent." Such a rate of inflation would negate the increase in real purchasing power provided by the budgetary increase.

According to statistics provided by Lisa Reynolds, budget and administrative coordinator, in the 2010 - 2011 fiscal year the food portion of the total operating budget for dining services was 3.52 million dollars - 1.3 percent of the College's entire budget. For the same fiscal year 1.8 percent of the budget was devoted to athletics (25 percent of which was direct alumni donations), approximately 18 percent was spent on financial

aid and approximately 29 percent of the budget was spent on instruction.

"The finances draw me to some of the factory farming," said Biette. "Would I love to buy some of the stuff that that's not factory farmed? Absolutely, that would be great - but the reality is my system, my money doesn't provide me to do that."

Recognizing such obstacles, Professor of Economics Jonathan Isham stated, "I think the struggle is always how far up the price point these sorts of things go to get the kind of food that everyone would like - whether it's local or organic. We do well. I think it's fair to say that we haven't been able to maintain a certain concentration on local food as we've adjusted budgets in the last two to three years, but I know Matt Biette very well and he does an amazing job."

Many echo such sentiments, recognizing that the dining staff provides well-prepared food that is not boxed, pre-made or pre-packaged. The dining hall team cooks meals from scratch, dicing carrots for vegan bean dishes, chopping tomatoes for pasta sauce and slicing beef for homemade soup. While students are not served local meat, they are provided with high-quality, nutritious meals.

STUDENT ADVOCATES AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES

In critiquing the current purchasing model for the College, students seem willing to challenge the administration to provide more local food options in the dining halls. In the fall of 2011 a group of four students completed a project for their environmental economics class in which they altered school policy, implementing a LessMeat Monday campaign. Group member Samantha Strom '13 noted that the project was challenging, but ultimately worthwhile given both the policy changes it affected and

the educational benefits it provided for her team and the student body at large.

A similar desire for change seems to have manifested itself with Eat Real, another student-led group on campus pushing for greater awareness of eating practices and administrative policies.

"At the end of February we will be implementing a poster and tabletop campaign to spread awareness among the student body about the sustainability of our food," explained Eat Real member Jennifer Marks '14.

The Eat Real team will also encourage other students to take the challenge to eat vegetarian for a week, implementing a Veguary Campaign.

"We are encouraging students to cut back on their consumption of meat for the week, with the hope that more will recognize the long term health and environmental benefits of conscious eating," said Marks. "We don't want to impose dietary restrictions on anyone - we simply want to equip people with the facts so that we can all make more informed decisions about what we are putting in our bodies. We want to inspire students to eat consciously and to ask for change - to show that having more local, sustainably farmed and healthy food is possible."

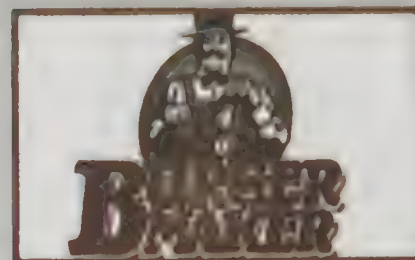
In the past, Middlebury student-led initiatives have been successful in encouraging policy changes. In 2008 students successfully convinced the administration to implement a biomass treatment facility, a plant that now stands as a model for sustainability. In the winter of 2011 another group of students worked with staff to push for the implementation of a small-scale solar farm, an initiative that has since received positive publicity across the state. While food policy changes seem to be in a stage of infancy on the Middlebury College campus, widespread support seems to be building as students and faculty look towards creating a more sustainable future.

Middlebury students consume



267,909pounds

of meat annually. The college's suppliers provide meat from national chain including



which makes the average distance the meat will travel between farm and table about 1500miles

Just AT LEAST



BY CLAIRE SIBLEY

Tripping on the heels of Valentine's Day, it would seem appropriate to unveil the most secretly pleasurable Kama Sutra position known to man in hopes that you may fully enjoy the afterglow of the most romantic day of the year.

Unfortunately, if such a position exists, I don't know it. And what's more, I remain unconvinced that sex is even germane to either the concept or execution of Valentine's Day — sex on Feb. 14 seems more the stuff of myth than a reasonable and culturally accepted expectation. I find it difficult to believe that anyone can be aroused with a to-do list of romantic chotchkes and "thoughtful gestures" of a length rivaling even Ron Jeremy.

Seldom does Valentine's Day leave us saying thanks, last night was great. But without fail, it comes crawling back every year, promising to be different — but in your heart of hearts you know it will never really change. Every February, listlessly strolling down the fifth aisle of magenta greeting cards, I find myself wanting to take Valentine's Day apart and see what's broken.

So this year, that's exactly what I did. After performing the requisite drugstore candy/ugly-Technicolor-bear perusal and finding, much to my surprise, nothing illuminating (save for a pair of light-up plastic handcuffs), I turned to the history. We've all heard the flimsy tale of St. Valentine the martyr — and usually that story is some conglomeration of three or so St. Valentines. Supposedly, they were Christians martyred for their faith by the ruling pantheist Romans. The problem being, however, that not only are the purported circumstances of the age murky at best, but the hagiographies of these "Saints Valentine" weren't permanently set down until the sixth or seventh centuries, lending the results (heartwarming accounts of conversion miracles and untimely deaths) more mythos than accuracy. And even if we take them as true, the stories are replete with gore, but romance remains pointedly absent.

Though no one is entirely sure how St. Valentine and romantic love became associated, the most compelling source of blame we have is Chaucer. A scholar named Jack B. Oruch made a fabulously compelling argument (in "St. Valentine, Chaucer and Spring in February," if you're so inclined) pointing out that our Canterbury tale-er was probably the first to make a fertility event out of the Saints' feast days in his Parlement of Foules, wherein it is described as a day when "every foul cometh to choose his mate" (that is, somewhat modernized).

Written to celebrate the anniversary of an engagement between two alarmingly young English nobles, Parlement of Foules paints February as a time of fervent but graceful matchmaking. While I can argue little against the benefits of going at it like a rabbit to warm our frozen winter hearths, I have difficulty thinking of February as a time of fertility. Yet we have developed an elaborate system of exchange, which somehow correlates volume of affection with cheap, cherry-filled chocolates or strangely generic jewelry — which often carries the message of "if you don't buy this for your significant other, you don't really care about them."

Given the way Oruch ascribes Chaucer's marriage of the previously separate notions of romantic love and the extant Valentine's legend of "aesthetic chastity," our modern, tortured treatment of Valentine's Day seems like a bizarrely ritualistic rehash of medieval courtly love: lyric vows of love which border on worship, grandiose gestures of valor and bravery, and avoidant vows of sexual chastity replaced with five-dollar pink cards, dauntingly-sized boxes of chocolates accompanied by trails of flower petals strewn about, and the sad irony of empty beds.

As a not-so-closet romantic, I must confess myself a little abashed by my own cynicism: I mean this not as a condemnation of love or romantic affection in general, but rather of those expectations we collectively cement into an idea of what Valentine's Day should be: an obligation losing sight of an opportunity to express the beauty of mutual affection.

Winter season marks kick-off for finance interviews

By Ali Andrews

For most of campus, Winter Term is a month spent focusing on just one class and finding creative ways to spend our copious free time. However, for a small group of juniors, Winter Term means time to buckle down with economics review materials, endless meetings with advisers and Career Services and navigation of a complicated process of preparation for their ultimate goal: securing a summer internship in finance.

"It isn't enough to just want these internships, you have to really, really want them," Melissa Mittelman '13 wrote in an email. Mittelman is a sociology and anthropology major in the process of applying for a finance internship. "With thousands of applicants for 20 to 25 spots, you have to prove that you know your stuff."

To prove they have what it takes to work for some of the top financial firms in the world, students must pore over their old economics textbooks, research the market, read guidebooks and review questions. It is by testing this acquired knowledge in interviews that the firms determine what, "in the words of one interviewer, 'you're willing to sacrifice,'" for the job, Mittelman wrote.

Finance interviews are notoriously difficult, and require very specific information.

Mittelman said she prepared for her interviews by "doing practice interview sessions with Center for Education in Action (EIA), meeting with my econ professors, talking to Midd grads and hitting the library daily, trying to teach myself the terms and valuation methods I knew I would be asked and forming my own opinions on each topic."

Each student found different ways to benefit from Middlebury's resources.

"I didn't get any help from the EIA to prepare for interviews, but I did go on their 'Windows on Wall Street' tour of various Wall Street banks with Midd-alums," physics major Karly Wentz '13 said. "That's a really great thing the EIA does." Wentz also used the EIA's MidNet to connect with alumni in the finance world who were "always happy to help."

It may be that the finance internship application process requires such amounts of preparation because, to an even more specific degree than the typical summer internship, they serve as both an educational experience and a type of extended job interview.

"These summer internships function as three month long job interviews," said Assistant Director of the Career Services in the Center for EIA Tim Mosehauer. "Like a trial period, if the intern proves to be a good fit for the company by the end of the summer, then they might get offered a job the next year after they've graduated."

For a job like investment banking, summer internships are the necessary foot in the door.

The interview seems to be the most decisive and intense aspect to the application process in which the students have to display as much of their knowledge and ability as possible in less than an hour. EIA helps students develop a presentation of themselves and why they want to be there.

"I like to think of it as the inverted triangle: at the top you have 'Why finance?' and then more narrowly 'Why did you choose this firm?' and most specifically 'What interests you about this position?'" said Mosehauer.

Mosehauer explained that practice interviewers ask students these kinds of questions and then give them feedback on their responses.

"In an interview, a student might be asked to pick one stock that's doing well now

and explain why," said Mosehauer, explaining why students must thoroughly understand the ins and outs of the market.

This preparation can be incredibly helpful; Mittelman remembers freezing in her first interview, because, as a sociology major, the "questions ... seemed so foreign," she said. Determined to not let that happen again, she spent time studying and talking to alumni and staff in EIA.

"I can now answer every question I was asked in that first interview and laugh at its mortified memory," she said.

Like Mittelman, mathematics major Jessi Stevens '12 began interviews with a less-thorough background in economics.

"I was honest with my interviewers. I told them what I knew about — the federal reserve, the health care system — and they asked me about that instead," she said.

More important than any memorized financial terminology was that they could see that one is, "willing and able to think, learn and adjust in an intense but rewarding environment," Mittelman said.

Wentz found that even without a background in economics, she was able to catch up enough to secure an internship with Morgan Stanley this summer.

"I had no finance background at all," Wentz said. "But after speaking with multiple Middlebury alums I learned more and more, and I studied interview guides on the internet. I practiced my responses over and over again, and made flashcards for technical questions."

The summer internship also functions as a trial period wherein the student is the interviewer and a career in finance is the applicant.

"I wasn't sure if finance was right for me when I started this application process," said Jack Viellieu '13, an economics major who applied to around 10 internships in investment banking. "I'm more sure now that I've gotten farther into the process and I hope to become certain through actually interning."

The process heats up the most during January and February, with the preliminary applications due by the middle of January. First round telephone or on-campus interviews follow in the next couple of weeks.

Analysts or associates from the firm conduct short, 20-minute phone interviews, and a student might have two or three in a week.

If not by phone, firms could send representatives from their office to the Middlebury campus for an in-person first-round interview. However, in these situations, it's often a Middlebury alum who has volunteered to visit campus and interview candidates.

"These interviews are often arranged by our office," said Mosehauer, "but they are largely alumni driven."

If the applicant is well received, they might have a second round interview, which usually occurs at the bank or firm's office. Most of these companies are based in New York, and Boston is the second most common location. Viellieu, a native of Chicago, interviewed at a firm when he returned home for February break.

There could even be a third round after the in-house interview, as Stevens experienced last year. She flew down to New York City for a second round interview. As she was on the Brooklyn Bridge leaving the city after her interview, she received a call from the company asking her to come back right away for a third round interview. They made the trip worth it by offering her the job soon after.

Stevens' trial run in classical investment banking last summer left her with the conclusion that finance wasn't for her. She fa-

vored, instead, to work in a more academic setting, using more of her math background to consult on health care policy and clinical trial development.

Economics majors dominate the field of finance internship applicants so Mittelman often encountered the question, "How did you get from sociology to finance?" in her interviews. She has responded by telling interviewers that she, "find[s] the two disciplines to be very compatible, if not complementary."

In sociology, one is taught to think analytically about people, which is a skill she hopes she can transfer to analyzing the market.

"Knowing what is going on in the world isn't just a nice pastime for people involved in finance; it's a necessary component of their job description," said Mittelman.

Coming from a liberal arts background, most Middlebury applicants for these internships bring similarly critical analytical skills to the job.

"My classes at Middlebury didn't necessarily prepare me well for the application process," Mittelman said. "But they certainly prepared me to think critically and learn quickly."

THE STREET TO SUCCESS (in finance)

November →
mid-December

Use MidNet, Mojo and other connections to find the right internships to apply to.

Late December →
January Week 1

Submit between 5 and 10 written applications, online or by mail. This includes resume, cover letter and sometimes supplementary writing.

January

Study old textbooks, read up online, make flashcards of financial terminology and practice interviews in EIA. One to two hours daily.

January
Weeks 2 & 3

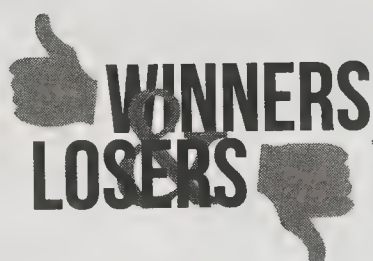
First round interviews. These are often conducted by telephone or on campus.

January
Weeks 3 & 4

Second round interviews. These are usually conducted at the office of the firm or bank.

Late January →
Early February

Hear back from the firm or bank. This usually happens soon after the last interview.



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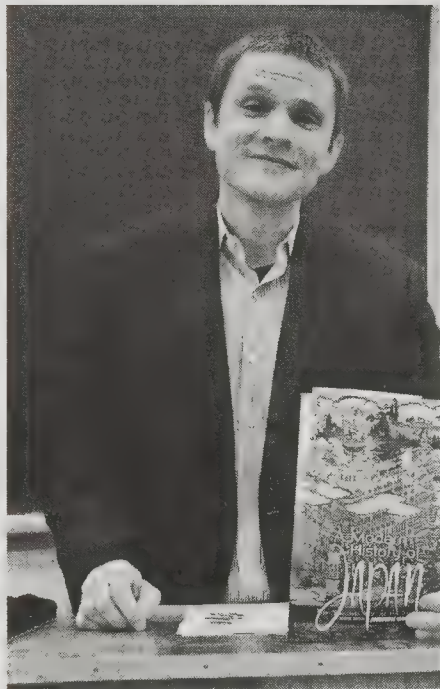
STAFF SPOTLIGHT: MAX WARD

By Isabella Stallworthy

"Immediately leaving Burlington, surrounded by countryside, I remember thinking, are there any towns in between here and Middlebury?"

The quiet, rural life of Vermont has been quite a change for Assistant Professor of History Max Ward, who has spent his recent years in urban environments. He is now beginning his teaching career here at Middlebury College.

Ward's entrance into the world of ac-



Assistant Professor of History Max Ward poses with a Japanese history textbook.

ademic inquiry began as a child, living in the suburbs of San Francisco, California.

"It's an unusual, alternative city, particularly so in the '80s," said Ward. "It was an exciting time to live there. You have the AIDS epidemic and many things that pushed social issues to the forefront of daily conversation."

Heated political discussions were not uncommon at the dinner table and even among his classmates at school.

"When I was growing up there were all these things going on whether it was certain political debates or socioeconomic questions," says Ward.

Ward completed his undergraduate studies at the University of California at Berkeley in 1999. From there he switched coasts and went on to get a Ph.D. in Modern Japanese history at New York University.

"I didn't start cultivating my serious study of Japan until after undergraduate school," Ward said. "I arrived to Japanese studies through historical questions."

His first major was European and Slavic history and his interest in Japan only sparked upon reading a series footnotes in a text.

"These historians could not situate Japan within the explanation they had developed for European inter-war history — so they dropped Japan into the footnotes," Ward explained. "The more I asked why this was, and the more the professors admitted they had no idea what happened in Japan at this time,

the more I intrigued I became. This blossomed into a general interest in Japanese history and what it can tell us about larger global transformations beyond the confines of European history."

After discovering this, he spent about a decade doing research in New York, Yokohama and Tokyo, where he became fluent in Japanese.

So what brings a Japanese studies research enthusiast to Middlebury College in rural Vermont?

"Middlebury, for its size, has an unusually strong East Asian Studies program," said Ward. "It's known for the language programs but also for the number of faculty members doing something related to East Asia, and that's what drew me here. I knew that the College really honored that kind of focus."

Ward was also attracted to Middlebury for a reason likely common among the students here as well.

"I was drawn to the emphasis on quality teaching and having a closer relationship with students rather than just going up to a podium and lecturing in front of 400 students and then leaving the room and not knowing anybody," Ward said. "Being a residential liberal arts college, there's a strong emphasis on community and getting faculty integrated with the student body. That was very apparent right from the beginning."

Despite moving to a professorship, Ward continues to pursue his study of Japanese history through research.

"This is a teaching institute that

also supports faculty research," he states when asked about the transition. "Middlebury has all these systems in place so that even if we are an hour outside of Burlington and four hours away from Boston, there are all these ways to make sure we all still have that access." He praised Middlebury for its expansive student and faculty resources. "We're geographically separated but we have all these databases and online request systems — the world at your fingertips. That is something that Middlebury has done a great job on."

Ward is especially appreciative of Middlebury's resources as he embarks on writing a new book.

"I'm in the very early stages," Ward said. "I'm interested in the political debates in Japan in the '20s and '30s mainly around the questions of fascism. The debates at that time were about foreign influences corrupting a pure Japanese culture."

Ward continues to work on his book and he will be teaching his first classes here at the College in the spring: History of Modern Japan and Modernism & Fascism in Japan.

When he is not in his office, Ward loves a good book.

"Being a new faculty member, you have no spare time. If I get a chance to sit down and read something — fiction, nonfiction, even just the newspaper, it's really nice," he says. "I also have to relearn how to snowboard. I was kind of hoping there'd be snow."

MIIS four-in-one makes a slow start

By Michelle Smoler

As Middlebury begins its spring semester, seniors must face the imminence of graduation and their impending transition from undergraduate education to whatever future awaits them. While many opt for direct entry into a job and the "real world," others prefer to continue on to graduate school.

While Middlebury as a small, liberal arts college has never had a graduate school of its own, as of 2010 its acquisition of Monterey Institute of International Studies provided a new opportunity for Middlebury students to complete an accelerated "four-plus-one" degree program. In two semesters a Middlebury College graduate, having taken the appropriate required undergraduate courses, can receive a masters in any one of Monterey's five integrated degrees: International Environmental Policy, International Policy Studies, Nonproliferation and Terrorism Studies, Teaching of Foreign Languages and Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages.

While the integrated degree track is marketed as a somewhat rigid four-plus-one program, there is a level of flexibility to the admissions process. Middlebury students that continue on to MIIS are in no way separated from the graduate school as a whole; as a result, students who realize late in their college careers that they want to go to MIIS, or who were unable to complete all the prerequisites, are not precluded from admission. Casey Mahoney '11, who majored in Russian and minored in Political Science at Middlebury, decided his senior year that he wanted to pursue policy. Monterey offered him a 48-credit program, which would take three semesters to complete.

"The admissions process at MIIS is very specific to the person," said Mahoney. "They are willing to step outside those boundaries and make exceptions and tailor a program that really fits each person's professional goals and needs."

One aspect of admission, however, that cannot be avoided is the language entry requirements. Depending on the language, students must have reached an intermediate or advanced level prior to acceptance

into any of Monterey's degree programs. This comes as no surprise, given Middlebury's reputation for placing a strong emphasis on language acquisition. Once at Monterey, the language courses focus on preparing students for professional work in their target language by emphasizing content integration. According to Mahoney, his current Russian course entitled "Politics and Security in a Multipolar World," "integrates perfectly" with his classes in the Nonproliferation and Terrorism Studies program.

However, in spite of Middlebury's reputation, some Monterey students have been less than satisfied with their experience in the language program.

"It's definitely helpful to have practice in language on the topics that I'll be dealing with especially when I am using Russian later on in my career," said Mahoney. "On the other side its difficult, and its not just coming from Middlebury with this perspective, I think a lot of students are disappointed with the quality of language learning and linguistic pedagogy here. Yes it is useful to get exposure to these things we'll be encountering in the professional world but on the other side we don't have a realistic regimen of having to study vocab words and learn new grammar and constant upkeep in the nuts and bolts of language."

Students have also been disappointed with the demands of their language classes, which, in an administrative sense, people attribute to an ineffective placement test.

"[Through] the placement test, a lot of people get placed in levels that are too easy for them and then the classes themselves are not as challenging," said Lauren Redfield '11. "[Many students] took intensive language programs through Middlebury beforehand and were expecting something a lot more intense ... just because of the name ... because Middlebury's name is attached to the school."

For Redfield in particular, who is the first Middlebury student on track to complete her masters in two semesters, the administrative inefficiencies in language placement were a real hindrance.

"I got placed in a language level that

was a lot lower than I expected and had to fight the entire semester to get placed where I wanted to be and I don't have time in my schedule to miss credits or retake classes later."

On the other hand, both Redfield and Mahoney agreed that Monterey provides exceptional advising resources and is successful in helping its students find relevant and worthwhile jobs post graduation.

"They call it the MIIS Mafia because walking down the hall of an international organization you'll probably meet someone who has been to the school if not graduated with a degree from here so there's a great network in terms of alumni who are willing to get internships and get jobs for current students."

Mahoney, who worked in the MIIS advising center was particularly impressed by one statistic that showed that Monterey has a zero percent default rate on loans given out for financial aid.

"[This] means everyone makes enough money to pay back what they take out in graduate loans. Maybe its mom and dad but more likely its students getting jobs."

When asked what advice they would give to Middlebury students interested in

applying to MIIS, both Redfield and Mahoney emphasized that these students should already have an idea of their future goals.

"I'd [advise] really researching possible career paths and setting goals for yourself for five years out of Middlebury," said Mahoney. "[Ask yourself] where do you want to be, how much money do you want to be making, where do you want to be living and is that something that a degree from Monterey could steer you to help fill the missing gap between now and the five year mark. Then that would be the point where Monterey is appropriate."

Redfield, who applied for Monterey with a strong background in international politics and a career goal of working in international development, stressed that before entering the one-year program students should find an internship for the summer that will be relevant to their area of interest.

"I worked at the Organization of American States before I came here ... If I didn't have that [experience] I'd feel a lot more inadequate about graduating."

As these students discussed what for them are Monterey's tangible strengths and weaknesses, they acknowledged that the program is still developing.

"Unfortunately I have to be the guinea pig and they have to figure it out through past experiences and smooth it out after."

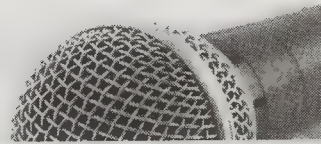
Mahoney was asked to conduct an introspective study during his time in the advising center, which evaluated the relative successes of Monterey in its first year. What he noted was that while the graduate program is new, Monterey is not, and therefore the area needing the most development is the coordination of Middlebury and Monterey courses and learning outcomes.

"[The administrators] looked at course descriptions and requirements but didn't really go deeper into the syllabi and compare topics that Lauren and I would have had senior fall," said Mahoney. "So then we're sitting in this introductory class not really getting much out of it. That's one issue they're definitely looking at is trying to streamline some of the course selections."



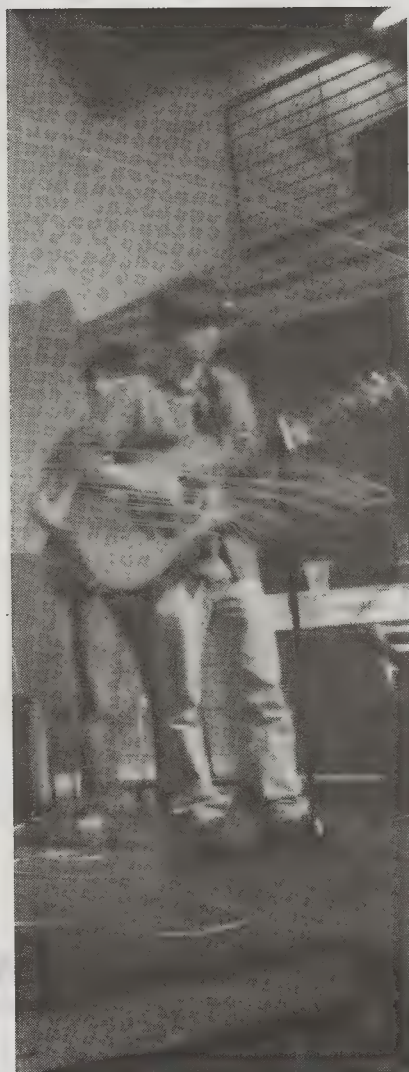
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The Monterey Institute of International Study's insignia. The Institute offers an accelerated program for Middlebury graduates to earn masters degrees.



Spotlight On...

Thank God for Mississippi



Left: Max Eingorn '14, Mitchell Parrish '14 and Mike Gadomski '13 of the band Thank God for Mississippi performing in the Grille during Winter Term.
Right: Gadomski and Sam Finkleman '14 play one of the band's songs onstage.

By Grady Trela

When I first heard of Thank God for Mississippi, I didn't notice the underlying irony in the band's name. So I was a little embarrassed, then, when it became clear that they were not the Lynyrd Skynyrd cover band I had imagined. The group consists of McKay Sheftall '14 (key-board/ guitar), Mitchell Parrish '14 (guitar/bass), Mike Gadomski '13 (guitar/bass), Sam Finkleman '14 (lead guitar) and Max Eingorn '14 (drums). At their first concert in the basement of Brooker House, they dressed in simple tee-shirts, plaid and old sneakers, a throwback to the heyday of grunge and a far cry from the strange vests and platform boots that I associate with Lynyrd Skynyrd. However, any real music lover will tell you that sound always trumps image, and Thank God for Mississippi struck me as a group more interested in making music and having fun than anything else.

Although Sheftall and Parrish did a few acoustic gigs together the previous year, the band in its current form started playing in early November of last semester. According to Eingorn, the band's name came to them during practice one night.

"Mitchell and I were talking about

how low some states, I think Alabama, ranked in education, and we joked, 'Well thank God for Mississippi making everyone look good.' Mike thought it would make a good band name. We all agreed."

When asked the reason they decided to form the band, the members stated that they wanted to play music and help foster a stronger live music scene at the College.

"We wanted to play music with someone and we'd be damned if our variety of tastes was going to stop us," said Eingorn.

Perhaps one of the most intriguing things about Thank God for Mississippi is their emphasis on playing music at all costs, even if it means not having a single unifying sound that characterizes their style. There is a hint of the blues, especially in the careful guitar work of Finkleman, but every member brings his own tastes and talents, and it shows in the music. Finkleman describes Sheftall as contributing his knowledge of music theory, which comes partly from his classical training in piano. On the other hand, Gadomski brings a knack for music editing that helps even out sounds when recording. You can hear the different individual tastes within the band from song to song (accessible on their Facebook page). For

instance, the main guitar riff and vocal work in the song "Chamomile" are reminiscent of British indie rock groups such as the Kooks and the Libertines. Another song, "Fall," has an alternative country sound that reminds me of the Drive-By Truckers.

Another thing that stands out about the band is that they are not afraid to jam. At one show they even stretched some of their songs out to 10 minutes in length with improvisation. This kind of spontaneity lends itself to live shows, and during Winter Term the band opened for groups such as Sigmund Droid in the basement of Brooker House and Biscuits and Gravy at LoFo. These venues have not always been available for performances, but recent efforts by some students to get more live music on campus have opened them up for use. Erik Benepe '13.5, Jebb Norton '13.5 and Eyal Levy '14.5 have spearheaded this effort.

"There has been a lack of live music on campus in the past few years, even though there are plenty of talented musicians," said Benepe, who also noted that, "It seems like there's been a general increase in enthusiasm about music, which has led to more people starting bands and trying to get other people interested in live music."

Specifically, Benepe and others have been working with the school administration to make it easier for anybody on campus to bring a band here. The concerts Thank God for Mississippi played with Sigmund Droid and Biscuits and Gravy were the fruition of these talks.

Perhaps the most exciting development, which likely occurred in part from Benepe's efforts and the general need for it, has been the creation of the Middlebury College Activities Board's new "bring a band" form, which anyone may fill out. If you go to go/bringaband, there is a proposal form that walks you through the steps of booking an artist. If the form is filled out thoroughly, MCAB will give up to \$4000 toward planning the show. Currently, the form is still in the trial period so that the Student Government Association Finance Committee can gauge its effectiveness.

However, if filling out the band proposal feels like too much work, there are plenty of other talented student bands on campus whose performances you can watch for. Aside from Thank God for Mississippi, some other bands on campus include Alpenglow, a folk band, Goat Pack, a largely electronic project, as well as Mint Jam and Stoop Kid, jam and funk bands, respectively.

DON'T MISS THIS

Balla Kouyate and World Vision

Balla Kouyate is considered to be among the greatest players of the balafon (predecessor to the xylophone). He plays two instruments to get a chromatic scale, which allows him to play any genre and any key, delivering his signature roulements and improvisations. Tickets \$6.
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Piano Concert

Affiliate artist Cynthia Huard has performed as pianist and harpsichordist throughout the United States and Europe. Her versatile musicianship lends itself to her varied concert program, which includes Beethoven's Opus 109 as well as works by Chopin and Prokofiev. Free.
2/18, 8 P.M., CENTER FOR THE ARTS, CONCERT HALL

Film Screening: Meek's Cutoff

Settlers traveling through the Oregon desert in 1845 find themselves stranded in harsh conditions in this 2010 Western directed by Kelly Reichardt. Winner of an Independent Spirit Award, and nominated for a Venice Film Festival Golden Lion, the film is part of the Hirschfield Film Series. Free.
2/18, 3 P.M. AND 8 P.M., DANA AUDITORIUM

Spoken poetry booms at Midd

By Emily Scarisbrick

Spoken word poetry is taking over Middlebury, with groups like Poor Form Poetry and Middslam joining the established ranks of Verbal Onslaught. Last year, Night Kite Revival and Andrea Gibson both performed at 51 Main and Poor Form Poetry went to the National Championships for spoken word. This January, Poor Form reached the finals of the New England Regional Tournament. Middslam held their first poetry slam on campus at Crossroads Cafe. The presence and impact of these creative groups on campus will continue to grow in the spring as Middslam continues to hold open slams and workshops and again takes a team to nationals.

Spoken word at Middlebury has its roots in Verbal Onslaught, which began in 2008 and has been lead variously by Dane Verret '12, Chris de la Cruz '13, Day Williams '14 and Laura Shabb '15.

"Verbal was started as a way to bring an urban flavor to Midd," said Verret. "We always wanted Verbal to be a space for people to share who they were openly and in safety." Since then the organization has held regular open mike nights at 51 Main, encouraging people to express themselves in ways that might not otherwise find an outlet at an academic institution. Tied into that idea was also the goal of creating a creative and supportive community: a place for the many voices of our broader community to be heard and appreciated.

"It's easy to fall in love with spoken word," Verret said. "It creates a very tangible space that offers people freedom of expression in ways other events can't. I think that's what's going on at Midd. Students want to share who they are; they want something new. Poetry has always been a source of liberation for folks."

The Night Kite Revival performance last year, organized by de la Cruz, featured four internationally acclaimed spoken word poets, who between them had won the National Individual Slam Poetry Championship six times, the World Slam

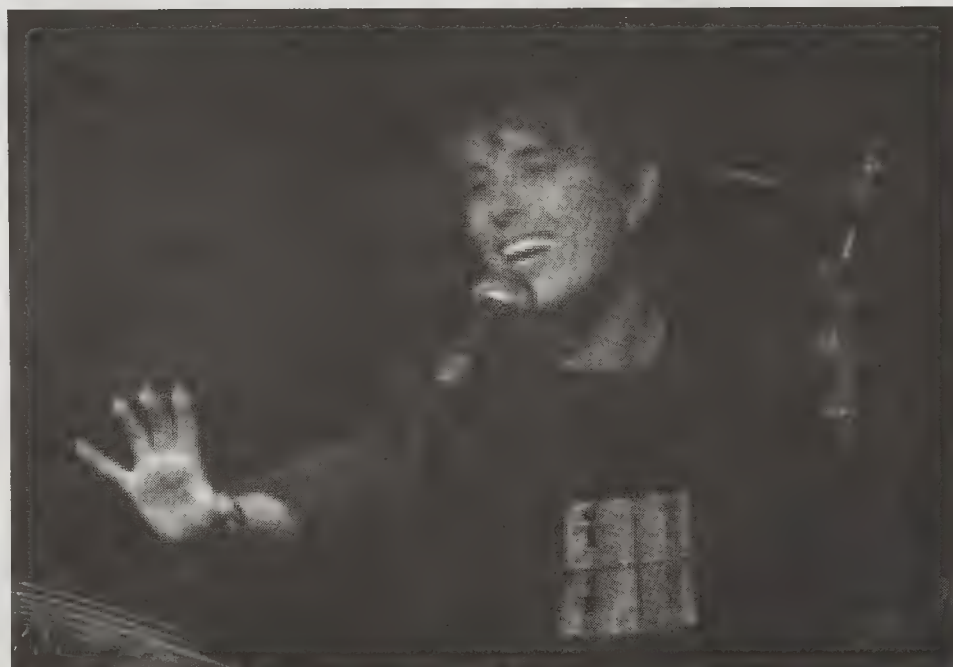
Poetry Championship twice and performed with Billy Collins as well as the Flaming Lips, amongst others.

The show had a packed audience, as did the renowned spoken word artist Andrea Gibson later in the year. They also featured openers by Middlebury's own spoken word poets, bringing spoken word directly to a broader Middlebury audience in a way that hadn't necessarily happened in the past, and highlighting the poetry community with high-profile figures. The stage was then set for a major surge in interest in Middlebury's own spoken word poets. Poor Form held a jam-packed show at the Gamut Room Amphitheatre alongside Cat Carter's '12 evening of spoken word poems late in the spring of 2011. Many of the Poor Form Poets are also behind Middslam: Middlebury's slam poetry organization.

If you were wondering, Slam poetry is spoken word poetry in a competitive context. Each three-minute poem is judged by random audience members. Based on their scores, poets can advance to the next round until one finally becomes the champion. Slam poetry also offers a way of poets to interact and engage with each other that straight spoken word doesn't necessarily: they can spin off each others ideas, twist their language and let their styles rub up against each other.

As if bearing your poetic soul to an audience for judgment wasn't daunting and difficult enough, slam poets also memorize their pieces and generally perform without aid. This is the style the poets behind Middslam are bringing back through their workshops and poetry slams: a way for Middlebury students inspired or intrigued by what they've heard in Poor Form shows or the professional performances last year to try their hand at spoken word.

In preparation for competing in the College Union Slam Poetry Invitational in California this spring, Middslam will hold two preliminary open slams late this week and a Grand Slam Championship featuring Dartmouth on Feb. 24.



COURTESY

Renowned spoken word poet Andrea Gibson, above, performed at Middlebury on March 1, 2011. The performance was well attended and contributed to a surge in enthusiasm about spoken word among students. Troupes on campus, like Poor Form — represented by Anna Gallagher '12, below, at a recent poetry slam — have benefited from the increased exposure.

FOR THE RECORD

BY ZACH BLAIR

Contrary to every impulse in my body, I'm not going to waste your time detailing how badly the Grammys suck because of their shallow standards and blatant commercialism; suffice it to say that Bruno Mars was recently nominated for five awards. Instead, I'd just like to point out a few of the sort-of-highs and really lows of Sunday night's ceremony.

I'll start with the positives. Throughout the past year, I know many of you have slipped into a deep depression due to the combination of the Best Regional Mexican Album and Best Tejano Album categories into a new Best Regional Mexican or Tejano Album grouping, and still more of you have mourned the loss of the Best Hawaiian Music Album. Enough.

Call me culturally insensitive, but if we're going to recognize every culture's musical heritage, why not bring back the sorely missed Best Polka Album award? Frankly, the elimination of 31 outrageously specific categories was the best thing the Recording Academy has done since they started recognizing Rap in 1996. Now if only they would give more categories to Alternative Music besides the lonesome Best Album, we'd be on a roll.

As far as Grammy performances go, Sunday ranks slightly better than average thanks to a couple of pretty spectacular sets. Despite Mike Love's creepy finger pointing during "Good Vibrations," the Beach Boys reunion was certainly a highlight. British songstress Adele, who won a lifetime supply of gramophones on Sunday, sang her heart out on "Rolling in the Deep," and Nicki Minaj had an exorcism, because why not? If you missed the broadcast of the Grammys, save yourself three and a quarter hours and just YouTube these moments.

THE GRAMMYS

If, on the other hand, you weren't lucky enough to miss it, you probably sat through a number of performances ranging from boring to just plain weird. Of course, there were the obligatory appearances from the older, crustier side of rock, including Paul McCartney, Bruce Springsteen, Joe Walsh and Stevie Wonder. Don't get me wrong, these are some of my favorite artists ever, but there's something about seeing them perform the same songs year after year that's just kind of sad.

Then there's the Foo Fighters: the wacky uncles of alternative rock, the grungy goofballs who perform, Nicolas Cage-like, at every event they've ever been invited to. Again, I like the Foo Fighters and their zany sense of humor (see the Mentos-inspired music video for "Big Me"), but you have to wonder how they got so much camera time. More importantly, how did they wind up singing a remixed version of "Rope" with Deadmau5 in the middle of a Chris Brown, David Guetta and Lil' Wayne collaboration? It was like watching five minutes of the Twilight Zone.

If you can't tell by now, I'm not a huge fan of the Grammys. The Weeknd, Girls, PJ Harvey and M83 got shafted while Tony Bennett and Chris Brown somehow walked away with awards. But despite these gross injustices, the ceremony sometimes proves more than just a soulless attempt to sell records and attract viewers. The various tributes to Whitney Houston on Sunday, particularly Jennifer Hudson's rendition of "I Will Always Love You," were especially heartwarming. Even though that song should never be covered by any human ever again in the history of the universe because it will always fall short of Houston's version, I appreciated the gesture. So if for nothing else, thanks Grammys for properly acknowledging the death of a legend. She will be missed.



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Panthers earn weekend sweep of rival Williams

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the score at 5:23 into the third. The final score was 3-2, rookie goalie Dan Fullam '15 earning his first win for the Panthers with 24 saves.

The team then traveled to Trinity to show their worth against the Bantams. Following his first win of the season as goalie, Fullam followed the following day with his first shut out of the season, leaving Trinity with a 3-0 win. Charles Nerback '12 scored first for the Panthers off of an assist from brothers Tucker and Patrick Donahoe ('12 and '14 respectively), 9:32 into the first period.

The Panthers continued to control the puck throughout the match, with a goal each period. Martin Drolet '12 scored in the second period off of a rebound from an attempt by Pollock. Brazier also scored late in the final period, making the score 3-0. It was clear from the shooting advantage that the Panthers had the edge as they shot 46 while keeping the Bantams to just 19 attempted shots. This shot advantage and overall edge comes at the hand of great team identity according to Chris Brown '13.

"I think one of our biggest accomplishments is fulfilling a team identity," said Brown. "Every player has worked their way into a position where they now know their role, and when the whole team plays within themselves and knows what each person expects from the other, it makes it that much easier to come away with wins on the weekends."

After a week of training on campus, the team got ready for a double header against Williams. The Panthers first traveled to Williamstown, Mass. but did not let the Ephs' home court advantage faze them, as they came away with a 5-1 victory. This victory marked the Panther's third

NESCAC victory in a row. The first of Middlebury's five goals was scored late in the first period when Nerback's shot off of an assist from George Ordway '15 found the back of the net.

The second period really showed the Panther's prowess as they scored three times throughout to create a 4-0 score going into the final period. Ordway continued to stand out scoring off of an assist from Freyre. Alex Walsh '15 then scored mid way through the period, while Drolet finished out the high scoring period for the Panthers with a goal 17:51 into the period.

The Ephs dashed the team's hopes of a shut out just a minute into the final period with a goal from Eph player David Jarrett. Middlebury ended on a high note as they scored the final goal of the game 12:38 into the period when Michael Griffin '12 took a rebound off of a shot from Charlie Strauss '12, and scored leading to a final 5-1 victory. This victory helped to really give the team confidence moving forward.

"After getting two wins in Connecticut the weekend before, winning a third straight one the road was important and really pushed our confidence to that next level," said Brown.

Looking to continue their winning streak, the Panthers hosted the Ephs at home during a Panther white-out. Although most were still on Feb. break, the stands boosted a good amount of white shirted fans to support the team in their hopes to win the second game against Williams. Middlebury came out strong, scoring just a minute into the game as Donahoe '12 scored.

Both the second and third periods started out similarly with goals early in the time frames. Longo scored the second period goal, while Pollock scored in the third off of a power play. However,



ANDREW POORYGULA

Trevor Pollock '13 controls the puck under pressure from a Williams defender during the Panther's 3-2 win, the fourth NESCAC win in a row for the team.

the Ephs gained momentum halfway through the third scoring once at 9:32 and again with just 46 remaining in the game. Realizing their chance to tie up the game, Williams took out their goalie in order to have an extra attacker, however Middlebury was able to keep the team at bay and won 3-2 completing their 4-0 NESCAC streak.

Middlebury showed its ability to capitalize on shots as Williams held just a slight shot advantage, 28-26, but were outscored by the Panthers. This marked Fullam's fourth victory as a Panther, with 26 total saves in the game.

"I think we need to remember why we've been winning games lately, stick to basics, and not get carried away. Stay simple and we'll keep having success," said Brown.

The team will finish up regular season play this coming weekend as they host NESCAC rivals Hamilton and Amherst at home. The last matchups with the schools resulted in two losses for the Panthers, who are hoping to show their improvement in these final regular season games. The team has been really focusing on the matchup with Hamilton in particular.

"Hamilton is a fast team with a lot of skilled forwards and a good goalie. We can not underestimate the few wins Hamilton has in the conference," said Chris Steele '13. "Everyone on our team does not forget about the 3-0 loss to them last December. I think something which will work in our favor is our discipline. If we control our emotions and capitalize on Hamilton's mistakes I am confident we will get our desired results."

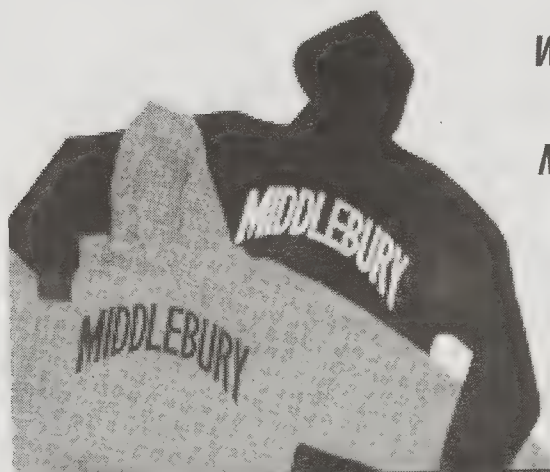
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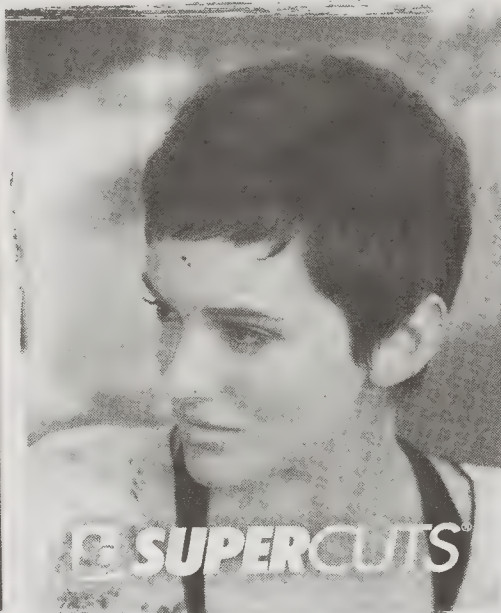
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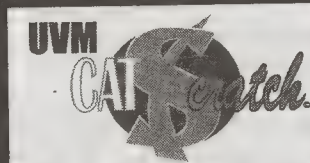
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Women's hockey turns in dominating performances

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panied by points from Ugalde, Waters, Sullivan, Melberg and Maggie Woodward '13.

Middlebury picked up an extra non-conference win against N.E.C. on Feb. 7, 7-1. The Panthers were propelled by six second period goals, routing the Pilgrims for Middlebury's fourth consecutive win, matching their longest winning streak of the season. Greer, who was awarded with the NESCAC Player of the Week Award for her efforts, started the scoring in the first period with her 10th goal of the season. Six different Panthers found the back of the net in the second period and 10 different players for Bill Mandigo's team recorded points. Bielawski and Ugalde both scored and assisted goals while Melberg assisted three of Middlebury's six goals.

The Panthers faced Williams in their latest matchup. The two-game series was divided, with the first game in Williamstown, Mass. and the second game home at Middlebury.

The Panthers earned a commanding win on the road, with a final score of 5-1. Woodward scored the first goal of the night off an assist from Ugalde. Styrbicki gave Middlebury a two-goal lead near the end of the first period, netting a slap shot 16:40 in.

Middlebury held its 2-0 lead until the third period when William's Aimee Dennett scored 46 seconds in. After losing the shutout Jones denied the Ephs on a 5-on-3 power play to allow the Panthers to keep their 2-1 lead. Later in the final

frame, the Panthers pulled away with goals from Melberg, Sullivan and Ugalde to take the game.

Just 24 hours later, the Ephs were in Middlebury where the Friends of Middlebury Hockey hosted a whiteout at the Kenyon Arena. The Panthers attacked early to take a 2-0 lead after the first period. Emily Fluke '15 earned her first career goal off a rebounded shot from Waters. Moreau followed suit, netting the puck off a deflected attempt from Sullivan.

The Panthers found themselves down a player six minutes into the second period as Williams tried to capitalize on a power play. The home team proved resilient, however, pressuring the Ephs until Greer found Sullivan who scored for the team's first shorthanded goal of the season. Middlebury closed out the second frame with a goal from Waters with just 11 seconds left to play. With third-period goals from Melberg and Heather Marri-son '13 in the third period, Middlebury cruised to 6-0 win.

The Panthers finished the break with a record of 18-2-2. Their in-conference wins pushed them to 14-2-0, which vaulted them into the top spot in the NESCAC standings. Middlebury faces two out of conference opponents, Norwich and Plattsburgh, before beginning the NESCAC championship on Feb. 25. NESCAC rivals Amherst, meanwhile, sit second at 12-2-0 in NESCAC play. A double header this weekend at Bowdoin will determine if the Lord Jeffs or the Panthers are rewarded with the conference's top seed for the NESCAC Tournament.

Skiing has three top four finishes

By Martin Breu

While the rest of the school was enjoying the end of Winter Term and February break, the Middlebury ski teams were hard at work, racing the UNH, UVM and Dartmouth Carnivals. The Panthers were fourth at UNH, third at UVM and fourth at Dartmouth. UVM won two of three carnivals, but Dartmouth was able to steal the show and collect its first win of the season at UVM's home races.

The most impressive performances for the Nordic Panthers came from tri-captain Patrick Johnson '12 and a trio of first-year girls. Johnson continued his dominance of Eastern collegiate racing, collecting three individual wins to bring his season total to four. The trio of first-year girls, Stella Holt '15, Annie Pokorny '15 and Rachel Hall '15, continued to produce incredibly consistent top-20 results for the Panthers.

For the Alpine Panthers, it was captain Christine Schozer '13 and another trio, this time consisting of two juniors, Bryan Shpall '13 and Andrew McNealus '13 and a sophomore Hig Roberts '14, who turned in the most impressive performances. Schozer continued to lead her young team by example, picking up a number of top-15 finishes, including a season-best seventh place. Roberts earned the Alpine Panther's first individual win of the season, while Shpall and McNealus have consistently produced top-10 finishes.

On the Nordic trails, Johnson started out with an 11th-place in the UNH classic sprint, picked up speed with a fourth place in the UNH 20k skate mass-start, and then took first place in the next three races — two 10k skate races and one 10k classic. Johnson wrapped up the three carnivals with a second-place finish in the 20k classic mass-start at Dartmouth.

"Patrick has been amazingly consistent and powerful in his racing," said Nordic Team coach Andrew Gardner, "Otherwise he remains his typically understated, hard-training leader."

Johnson had some help from impressive racing by Ben Lustgarten '14, who collected three eighth-place finishes in two 10k skate races and one 10k classic. Lustgarten finished the carnivals on a high note with a season high fifth place in the Dartmouth 20k classic mass-start. Tri-captains Doug DeBold '12 and Chase Marston '12 also notched some top-10 finishes, with DeBold taking seventh in the UNH classic sprint and Marston taking 10th in the Dartmouth 10k skate race.

The first-year Nordic girls have been an incredible asset for the Panthers this season, breathing life into the women's team. Holt was incredibly consistent all three weekends, finishing in the teens in all but the final race, in which she took 21st. Pokorny '15 did not race in the UNH Carnival because of illness,

but placed eighth, 12th, 19th and 16th in next four races. Hall has continued to improve over the course of the carnivals to place a season best 14th in the Dartmouth 5k skate race.

On the downhill trails, Roberts had just missed out on podium finishes twice in the opening carnival of the year with back-to-back fourth places, but was determined for more. He delivered in a big way with the Alpine team's first individual in the UVM slalom race. Roberts also captured a couple top-10 finishes to help the Panther men consistently finish in third place (with one second place finish as well) in the team competition.

"[Roberts] has been super consistent all season long," said Alpine Team assistant coach Abby Copeland, "so what better time to podium than on his own mother's birthday."

The Alpine men's team has benefited from its great depth this season. Besides Roberts, Shpall and McNealus have each turned in a number of impressive race performances, including a sixth place finish in the UVM GS for Shpall and a fifth place finish in the Dartmouth GS for McNealus. Sophomores Liam Mulhern '14 and Nick Bailey '14 have also produced some solid results, with Mulhern recording 13th place finishes in the UVM slalom and the Dartmouth GS, and Bailey notching a season best 10th place in the Dartmouth GS.

Schozer — the women's alpine team's captain and only upperclassman — has emerged as the undeniable leader for her young team this season. The junior from Whinhall, Vt. has consistently led the Panthers' scoring contingent, and collected a seventh place finish in the UVM slalom race, a season best result for her. First-years Katelyn Barclay '15, Mary Sackbauer '15, Yina Moe-Lang '15 and Kerry Daigle '15 have all contributed solid races in the past three carnivals; highlights include Barclay's 13th-place finish in the Dartmouth GS race and Sackbauer's 15th-place finish in the UVM GS.

Some important bulletins from the three carnivals included the cancellation of the GS races at the UNH carnival because of inclement weather. Because of this cancellation, the slalom races of the UNH carnival were counted twice towards the total carnival score. Another notable event occurred during the men's 10k skate race at the Dartmouth Carnival when Dartmouth's Sam Tarling was tripped up by a red squirrel crossing the trail in front of him; Tarling went on to finish second to Johnson.

The ski racing action continues next weekend with the Williams Carnival, and the Panthers are hungry for more. Ski racing locations are still to be determined because of poor snow conditions.

PANTHER SCOREBOARD

MEN'S BASKETBALL vs. Amherst	77-75 ^{L (OT)}	Amherst scores with 2.8 seconds to go and takes first place in the NESCAC with playoffs looming.
MEN'S HOCKEY vs. Williams	3-2 ^W	Panthers sweep home and home series against Ephs as men's hockey now sits at 3rd in the conference.
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL vs. Amherst	80-50 ^L	A challenging last game of the season for the women against conference leader Amherst.
WOMEN'S HOCKEY vs. Williams	6-0 ^W	The squad keeps rolling as Middlebury outscored Williams 11-1 in back-to-back contests.
WOMEN'S SQUASH vs. Bates	7-2 ^W	Women break into the nation's top 10 with strong showing over NESCAC rival.

EDITORS' PICKS

How many NESCAC wins will men's hockey finish with in the regular season?

Over/under — Ryan Sharry '12 scores 19 points in NESCAC quarterfinal vs. Williams.

Will women's hockey reach 19 regular season wins?

Who will score higher in NESCAC swimming & diving championships, men or women?

How many points will Knicks PG Jeremy Lin score this weekend (vs. NO, DAL, NJ)?

CAREER RECORD



OWEN TEACH

11
Team will split this weekend's home games.

OVER

Sharry comes up big in opener of his last NESCAC tourney.

YES

This team is on fire.

WOMEN

Kind of a shot in the dark on this one.

70

League sensation keeps it going against overall weak competition.

4-5 (.444)



DAMON HATHEWAY

11
They won't lose this weekend but I don't see two wins either.

UNDER

Sharry has been a rock, but Joey Kizel '14 has elevated his game when it matters most.

NO

Playing at second-ranked Norwich is a brutal game. They will sweep Plattsburgh though.

WOMEN

Editor's picks may not be Alex's forte, but I've heard she's pretty darn fast in the water.

61

Three struggling opponents, at home, twice on national TV... Linsanity continues.

37-27 (.578)



DILLON HUPP

12
Though no amount of good play will ever get me my stuff back. Damn you, campus storage ...

UNDER

I think we'll see a very balanced attack when we beat the Ephs this time.

YES

With #20 coming as a sweet revenge victory over Plattsburgh on Saturday.

WOMEN

Making up for my pick when their meet got canceled due to gastro.

40

With Melo and Stoudemire coming back for the Knicks, those Linsanity points are going somewhere else.

95-81 (.540)



ALEX EDEL

12
The team is really focusing in on both games and have really gained the confidence they need.

UNDER

The Ephs will surely heavily defend Sharry, making it necessary for a well balanced attack from the team.

NO

I am a big fan of the team, but Damon is right (as usual), Norwich will be a tough game.

WOMEN

We are so ready to show how much we have progressed in the past year. Gastro can't get us down!

13

That is what my fortune cookie said. But it also said 31, 25 and 97 so....

52-60 (.464)

Men's basketball jumped by Lord Jeffs

By Damon Hatheway

After running its record to a program-best 18-0, the fourth-ranked Middlebury men's basketball team has lost two of its last six games. Following a momentous 80-79 win over rival Williams in front of a packed crowd at Pepin Gymnasium, the Panthers fell for the first time this season in a stunning 77-76 loss at Keene State, knocking Middlebury from the nation's top ranking and ending the pursuit of an undefeated season. Keene State College, which entered the game with a 14-4 record and having won seven of its last eight games, took an early lead to the delight of the raucous home crowd. Middlebury battled back, however, behind 16 first-half points from pre-season All-American Ryan Sharry '12, cutting the Owls' lead to five at the half. The senior co-captain struggled in the second half though, with just two points in the final twenty minutes. Sophomore guard Joey Kizel '14, meanwhile, carried the visitors with 18 points after the break. The Panthers swung the momentum and the lead in the second half, extending their lead to 10 points with 6:21 remaining in the game behind consecutive triples in transition from Kizel. The Short Hills, N.J. native finished the game with 24 points on 7-11 shooting from the field and a perfect four for four from beyond the arc.

Trailing by double digits, the Owls mounted a furious comeback, outscoring the Panthers 15-4 in just over five minutes of play to take a 77-76 lead with 1:12 remaining in the game on a jumper from Rashad Wright. Wright led Keene State with 15 points and nine rebounds — six of which were on the offensive glass. As a team the Owls attacked the offensive boards and were rewarded with 21 second chance opportunities.

Wright's biggest play of the game came less than a minute later, however, when he met Kizel at the rim and rejected the high-flying guard's game-winning attempt. The ball went out of bounds but remained with the Panthers. With just 0.8 seconds remaining in regulation, Sharry's buzzer beater attempt from beyond the arc rimmed out.

The Panthers' first loss came days after a rousing one-point victory over the Ephs, improving Jeff Brown's team to 6-0 in the NESCAC. Middlebury got balanced scoring from its top four scorers as Jake Wolfin '13, Peter Lynch '13, Kizel and Sharry all recorded double digits in points. As a team the Panthers shot 54 percent from the floor and a scalding 63 percent in the second half.

Wolfin, who added seven assists to accompany a stellar shooting night — the junior from Woodcliff, N.J. was six for nine from the floor and four of six beyond the arc — made the play of the game with a pinpoint push pass in mid-air to Lynch who finished the play with a layup after wrestling the ball away from a defender to extend the Panthers lead to three points with less than a minute to play.

"Both [Wolfin and Lynch] made some great plays at the end of the game. I thought one of the key plays in the game was when [Lynch] wrestled the ball away from Epley and put it in the basket and gave us more of a cushion for the stretch which we needed. He had a fantastic game shooting seven of eight from the field, and really giving us a strong presence underneath the basket."

After Ephs guard James Wang cut the Middlebury lead to one and Kizel missed the front end of a one-and-one, Wang was just off the mark on a buzzer beater attempt from almost the same spot that Sharry missed from nights later.

"It certainly looked good [to me]," Brown said of the Ephs' guard's last-second attempt. "And to Wang's credit he got down the floor well and got in great position for a great look."

The win pushed the Panthers to 18-0 and set a new record for consecutive wins. Middlebury had previously won 17 straight games during the 2008-2009 season. It also marked the first regular season victory over Williams since Jan. 31, 2009.

"It was a great game, unbelievable crowd, great basketball atmosphere," said head coach Jeff Brown. "Two teams playing at a high level and we were fortunate to be one point better when the buzzer went off. I was really proud with the way our guys competed and how hard we played and how well we played. A game like that just comes down to a break or two."

After falling to Keene State the then second-ranked team in the country returned home to host Bowdoin. The Polar Bears used their size and strong three-point shooting from Ryan O'Connell to hold the Panthers' lead to single digits at halftime. Kizel, however, had an answer for almost everything. Number 15 finished the game with a career-best 26 points on 8-13 shooting from the floor, converting a number of hanging, shot-clock-beating shots with increasing levels of difficulty. Kizel — often the shortest player on the court — is now shooting an electric 62 percent from the floor in conference play.

Sharry, meanwhile, owned the second half. After finishing the first half with just two points, the brawn of Braintree, Mass. had 17 second-half points and the Panthers staved off a late surge from the Polar Bears. In particular, Sharry limited the Polar Bears, one of the NESCAC's best rebounding teams on the glass. The 6'8" senior had 13 rebounds to go along with his 19 points.

Bowdoin got impressive performances from their two top scorers as Will Hanley and O'Connell carried the visitors with 45 combined points. O'Connell shot nine of 12 from the floor and made all five of his three point attempts. Hanley, on the other hand, started the game cold, failing to find the mark on his first six shot attempts. After the icy start, however, the senior forward made nine of his next 11 shots, finishing the game

with 22 points and four assists in 35 minutes.

After three consecutive games decided five points combined, Middlebury responded with three blowout wins, beating Colby, Lyndon State and Trinity by a combined 81 points.

Sharry, playing in his last regular season home game in the win over Colby, was typically top-notch, finishing with a stat-stuffed 14 points, 15 rebounds, three assists, two blocks and a steal. Kizel, who was named the NESCAC Player of the Week, was the only other Panther in double figures with 11 points on three of four shooting and three assists.

In the thumping of Lyndon State, Sharry and Lynch led the Panthers down low, shooting a combined 14-19 from the floor for 33 points total. Dylan Sinnickson '15 rounded out the Panthers with 11 points off the bench on six shots with four makes in 14 minutes. Thirteen different players made field goals and the team shot better than 54 percent from the floor overall.

Sharry was dominant once again in the victory over Trinity, totaling 19 points, 11 rebounds and two more blocks. Junior co-captain Nolan Thompson '13 followed his co-captain with 12 points, five rebounds and five assists. Middlebury also returned to form defensively, holding the Bantams to just 26.5 percent shooting from the floor. The run-away win moved the Panthers to 9-0 in NESCAC play and a tie for the top-spot in the conference with the Lord Jeffs who they would play in the final game of the regular season.

With a chance to be the conference's top-seed and host the NESCAC Tournament, Middlebury started the game out of rhythm on both ends of the floor. The visitors opened the game by making just five of their first 20 field goal attempts. On the other end of the floor Amherst opened up a 35-20 lead with 2:30 remaining in the first half, highlighted by a tremendous alley-oop dunk.

Looking to stop the Lord Jeffs' run Jeff Brown called on sophomore Nate Bulluck '14 who made an immediate impact on the game, book-ending an 11-0 run for the Panthers with a difficult, off-balance layup on one end of the floor and a high-flying block at the first half buzzer to deny Amherst, drawing Middlebury back into a 35-31 game at the half.

"That was a key stretch for us because we really dug a hole in the first ten minutes of the game," said Jeff Brown. "I thought Bulluck gave us some really strong minutes with the creative basket and also a blocked-shot. We got our legs under us after a slow start to the game."

While Bulluck provided a shot of energy late in the first half, Lynch kept the Panthers in it with his energy and tenacity in the first half. The junior forward picked up three first half fouls, but remained in the game due to what coach Brown called a "bench error." Lynch stayed in the game, as a result, keying

Middlebury's run alongside Bulluck in the first half.

"On the backboards [Lynch] was very strong. He is a warrior. He just really battled and I was pleased with the way our team responded after the slow start."

Thompson, meanwhile, starred throughout. The defensive specialist found his rhythm on the offensive end, knocking down seven of 12 shots en route to a game-high 18 points and seven rebounds.

The Panthers took their first lead of the game with 3:21 remaining on a Wolfin three point shot from the corner. After a sluggish first half, Wolfin provided his team with a number of clutch shots down the stretch to take the lead. After both teams traded baskets the Panthers held the ball for the final possession in regulation, but Kizel was called for a travel and the game went into overtime after a half-court heave from Willy Workman hit the back iron.

In the over-time period the Middlebury and Amherst traded points — the Panthers knocking down shots, the Lord Jeffs sinking free throws. With 30 seconds left in overtime and a tie game, Wolfin missed a difficult, reverse layup. On the other end following a missed three point shot from guard Aaron Toomey, Pete Kaasila grabbed the loose rebound and gave Amherst its first lead since Middlebury took the lead with 3:21 remaining in regulation. The Panthers' final gasp failed, as Lynch failed to connect on a long baseball pass to Sharry.

With the loss, Middlebury drops to 22-2 and will host Williams Saturday Feb. 18 in the NESCAC Quarterfinals.

BY THE NUMB3RS

7 Points for Lauren Greer '13 in the women's hockey team's three wins last week; Greer netted two goals and added five assists.

1 Margin of victory for men's basketball in their last meeting with NESCAC quarterfinal opponent Williams.

5 Number of Panther athletes who set school records at last weekend's Valentine's Meet hosted by Boston University.

9th National ranking for women's squash, their highest in program history, which they secured after beating Bates on Saturday.

109 Points for New York Knicks point guard Jeremy Lin in his first four NBA starts, a league record.

THE MIDDLEBURY GREAT GR8 EIGHT

RANKING CHANGE TEAM
Alex's Assertions

1+1 **WOMEN'S HOCKEY**
This team is peaking at the right time.

2-1 **MEN'S BASKETBALL**
Out of the top spot with a nailbiter loss at Amherst.

3+5 **MEN'S HOCKEY**
A 4-game win streak has the men climbing.

4 **WOMEN'S SQUASH**
They had a winningful Feb Break.

5 **TRACK AND FIELD**
Five school records set at BU sounds impressive.

6 **MEN'S SQUASH**
An up-and-down Feb Break for the men.

7-3 **SKIING**
Slipped into a fourth-place finish at Dartmouth.

8 **WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**
Tough end to a tough season.

Track teams run wild in Boston meet

By Owen Teach

While most students relaxed during February Break this past week, both the men and women's track teams were hard at work in a pair of Saturday meets. Two weekends ago the team competed in the Dartmouth Indoor Classic in Hanover, N.H., while this past Saturday a select group of athletes traveled to Massachusetts for the 2012 Boston University Valentine Invitational.

The Panthers ran well in Hanover, posting three particularly impressive first-place efforts: the men's 4x200m relay team (1:32.16), Michael Schmidt '12 in the 3,000m (8:36.47) and Addie Tousley '13 in the women's mile (5:02.16.) The day's results are a sign of good things to come, says sophomore Lottie Hedden '14.

"It's really exciting that the team is putting up good results early in the season," said Hedden. "Schmidt's win in the 3K was impressive, and Jack Davies '13 put up a school record in the mile. The 4x200 was also an amazing race to watch with an incredible fin-

ish by anchor Peter Hetzler '14 as he got the baton in third place, but managed to pull out the win."

Only a handful of athletes then participated in the BU Valentine Invitational the following week in Boston, but the team came away with possibly its most successful day of the young season with five new school records posted.

The women's Distance Medley Relay (first leg 1200m, second leg 400m, third leg 800m and final leg 1600m.) team comprised of Tousley, Rebecca Fanning '12, Juliet Ryan-Davis '13 and Margo Cramer '12 ran to a nation-best 11:40. Later Ryan-Davis set a school record 58.35 in the 400m and Cramer did the same in the 800m at 2:13.41.

The men's DMR team of Davies, Hetzler, Schmidt and Patrick Hebble '13 set the fourth-best national and school record time of 9:55.53, while Bryan Holtzman '14 ran to a 22.49 in the 200m.

"The girls' DMR time is a school record and seven seconds faster than [when] they won nationals with last year, while the boys

also posted a time that would have qualified for NCAAAs," said Hedden. "It's exciting to see times drop and also to know that because it is early in the season, no one has tapered and there's more time to lose across the board."

The track season spans almost five months of the calendar year, from the team's opening Gotham Cup in New York City to the NCAA Championships in late May. While this may seem like a grueling campaign, Hedden explained that the energy is just picking up in the track squad.

"Excitement definitely builds over the season as nationals gets closer and the meets get more competitive," commented Hedden. "Hitting times to get into meets keeps individuals motivated and focused and the rising caliber of DIII running nation wide is exciting. Getting back into a regular training schedule post Winter term also makes it easier to meet up as a full team and train together."

The team travels to Springfield, Mass. this weekend for DIII New England's as the winter track season comes to a close in early March.

Women's basketball ends season

By Dillon Hupp

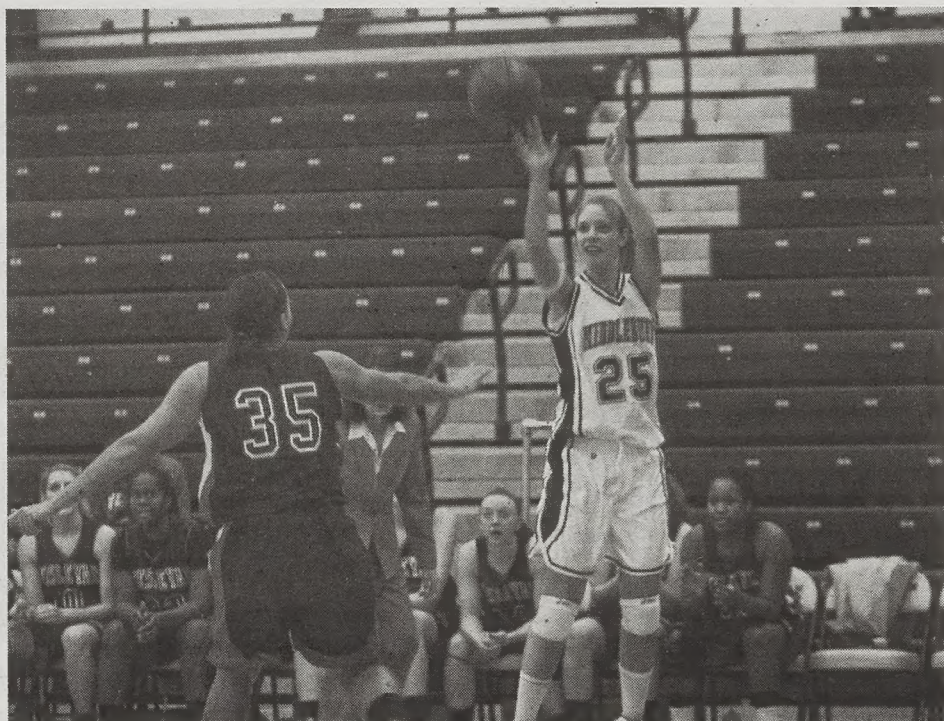
The Middlebury women's basketball team finished a season plagued with inconsistency Saturday, Feb. 11, with a 30-point loss on the road at Amherst. With the season-ending loss to the Lord Jeffs, the Panthers finish the 2011-12 campaign with a record of 7-17, with none of their wins coming in NESCAC play. Middlebury will miss the postseason for the first time since 2009.

"Although we were not as successful as we would have wished over the season we still gave it our all and have no regrets," said tri-captain Stephany Surrrette '12.

The Panthers started the final stretch of their schedule strongly with a blowout win at Lyndon State on Tuesday, Feb. 7. Showing the defensive ability that has at times kept it in games against superior teams this season, Middlebury held the Hornets to just six first-half field goals and opened the game on an 18-2 run. Leading 40-14 at the break, the Panthers never looked back, and buried Lyndon State in the second half on their own court to take the final gun by a margin of 69-40. Middlebury held the Hornets to an abysmal 21 percent shooting for the game, while shooting an above-average 44 percent on its offensive end. Tri-captain Maddie Moreau '12 paced the Panthers with 14 points, while Surrrette led all players with 14 boards.

Middlebury was unable to carry its road momentum into the weekend, dropping the first of two consecutive NESCAC road games at Trinity on Friday, Feb. 10. The Bantams and Panthers played a back-and-forth first half, characteristic of a Middlebury team that has played hard and close in the first 20 minutes of most of its games this season. Trinity led by a scant eight points at the half, 33-25.

However, the Bantams struck quickly in the second half, and would lead by no less than 10 points for the rest of the game. Turnovers cost the Panthers dearly throughout the game, as they would fall



JEFF PATTERSON

Despite flashes of promise, the Panthers ended their season at Amherst without earning a win in NESCAC play. Tracy Borsinger '13 averaged 10.3 ppg on the year.

by 13 points after giving the ball away 23 times. Trinity took the game 60-47 despite being outrebounded by Middlebury 45-35, in part because they shot 40 percent from behind the three-point line. Tracy Borsinger '13 led Middlebury with 17 points, while Surrrette and Scarlett Kirk '14 each had eight rebounds.

The Panthers ended their 2011-12 season in inglorious fashion against the Lord Jeffs, summarizing a season's worth of frustrations on the hardwood. Middlebury remained scoreless in the game for the first five minutes, finally getting on the board with a Moreau basket. They trailed by 23 at halftime, 47-24, and briefly showed a spark at the beginning of the second half before allowing a 16-0 run which put the game into Amherst's hands for good. Despite the lopsided final of 80-50, Middlebury's

seniors played hard in their Panther finale. Moreau scored 10 points, Surrrette grabbed eight rebounds and tri-captain Brittany Perfetti '12 added 10 points of her own.

Despite the disappointing season, Middlebury has hope for a promising year next winter due to the return of some young talent. Borsinger will expect to step into a leadership role for the Panthers, while players like Kirk, Katie Pett '14, and Sarah Marcus '14 will form the nucleus of what should be a solid Middlebury women's basketball team for the next few years to come.

"This team will be left in awesome hands next year," said Surrrette. "[The young players] are incredibly passionate and motivated and I think they will have no problem gearing the team up for a great season next year."

Swimming and diving hosts Invitational

By Kevin Yochim

The Middlebury men's and women's swimming and diving team hosted the annual Middlebury Invitational on Feb. 3 and 4, the team's last meet before championships. The Panthers competed in the non-scoring meet against Springfield, Amherst, Williams and UVM at the Natatorium.

The meet took place over three separate sessions, one on Friday night, one Saturday morning and one Saturday evening. This setup is meant to help teams get ready to compete at the upcoming NESCAC Championship meet, which takes place over three days.

The men, while not as deep as perennial powerhouses and NESCAC rivals Amherst and Williams, had several strong swims on the weekend. The 400-yard medley relay team of Kazu Asaga '12, Chris Vandiford '15, Nick Daly '12, and James Wing '15 finished second with a time of 3:33.35. They were less than two seconds behind first place Amherst, and beat their seedtime by an impressive five seconds. Vandiford's breaststroke split of 58.84 was the fastest of the event, while Wing anchored the team well with a freestyle split of 48.24.

The men also had success in the 400-yard individual medley, as Nick Keenan '14 placed second with a time of 4:15.26, his best of the season. Asaga placed 5th in the 100-yard butterfly in 52.88 seconds, while Wing placed third in the 100-yard freestyle with a time of 48.87, only 0.01 ahead of the fourth-place finisher. Vandiford also had a strong performance in the 200-yard breaststroke, finishing third with a time of 2:13.17. Teddy Kuo '15 captured a second place finish of the weekend for the Panthers

as the runner up in the 200-yard butterfly, with a 1:58.78.

The highlight of the meet for the men was their decisive victory in the 400-yard freestyle relay. Daly led off with a blazing flat start split of 47.34 seconds, a time that would have easily won him the individual event. Patrick Li '14, Ethan Litman '13 and Wing rounded out the team for the Panthers.

"It was exciting to swim that fast so late in the season and we can't wait to bring the same energy to NESCACs," said Wing.

"The confidence and excitement is extremely high right now; we have a lot of depth this year."

"It was an honor to swim with the upperclassmen and hopefully that performance will foreshadow how we will do at NESCACs."

The women's team enjoyed a good deal of success on the weekend, with two relay and two individual first-place finishes. They started out strong in the 200-yard freestyle relay, beating runner-up Amherst by 0.74 seconds. A young team comprised of Ann Carpenter '15, Alex Edel '14, Meredith White '15 and Lydia Carpenter '15 finished with a time of 1:41.08. In the very next race, Maddy Berkman '15 captured first place in the 200-yard individual medley with a time of 2:10.58.

Perhaps the most impressive performance of the weekend came in the 400-yard medley relay, in which the Panthers squad won by an incredible six seconds. Berkman's 58.63 butterfly split was a full 3.65 seconds faster than any other competitor. Rounding out the team were Andie Tibbetts '14, Jamie Hillas '15, and Nora Daly '13. Later in the meet, Edel placed second in the 400-yard individual medley with a time of 4:40.12, followed closely by Hillas at 4:41.39.

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The women will travel to Wesleyan on Thursday to compete in NESCAC Championships, where they will likely battle at the top with Williams and Amherst.

"The women's team is ready to swim extremely fast this weekend," said Tibbetts. "It will soon be evident how hard we have worked and how much we have poured into this season. I think everyone will be surprised how far we have come from last season."

"Both teams are very excited for NESCACs coming up," said coach Bob Rueppel. "I've been very, very pleased with the training program that they've followed. The confidence and excitement is extremely high right now. We have a lot of depth this year; there are events that we're going to score in with multiple swimmers, which is going to really help our place in the standings."

The men have an extra week of training before heading to conference championships at Williams on Feb. 24.

"We struggled a bit earlier in the season but the last few weeks everyone on the team has been swimming really well," said Keenan.

Both the men's and women's championships are three day meets, and are much different than the dual meets throughout the season. All swimmers will race both individual and relay races in the morning in preliminary heats. For all races except long distance events, the top 24 swimmers from the morning will compete again at night in the "A," "B" and "C" finals. For many swimmers, this means that they will be swimming events twice in one day along with relays.

After that, members of the team who qualify will have about a month to prepare for NCAA Championships. The meet will take place from March 21-24 in Indianapolis.

SPORTS VIOLENCE

At some point in time, it was agreed that the ethics that govern society don't really apply to sports. At some point in time sports fans made a secret handshake to turn a blind eye to the transgressions that we commit against one another in the name of sports. Athletes can abuse other athletes, fans can abuse fans, journalists can abuse athletes and we do next to nothing about it.

Am I being oversensitive to the issue? Do you know any other profession where you can call another employee a faggot and still keep your job, as Kobe Bryant and other NBA players have done? Sure, Kobe has a once-in-a-generation ability that cannot be duplicated, but does that mean he should be exempt from the rules that apply to everyone else? Very few other people have the job security to do what Kobe did and receive nothing more than a tap on the wrist for it.

Then there's the media. On Friday night after NBA sensation Jeremy Lin twisted and turned his way through the Lakers' matador defense to the tune of 38 points and seven assists, Jason Whitlock, a national columnist for Fox Sports tweeted, "Some lucky lady in NYC is gonna feel a couple inches of pain tonight."

His disgusting and utterly ignorant words caused outrage by members of the media and fans alike, and rightfully so. In any other area of journalism, Whitlock would have been fired. Can you imagine if he had said something like that about a US Presidential candidate or a CEO of a company? Instead, Whitlock issued a half-hearted apology in which he chalked his tweet up to his, "immature, sophomoric, comedic nature. It's been with me since birth, a gift from my mother and honed as a child listening to my godmother's Richard Pryor albums."

Or how about fans, which — often under the influence of alcohol — harass and berate opposing players and fans. I experienced this traveling to Keene State two weeks ago when a number of drunken fans physically and verbally harassed the group of Middlebury students present by knocking us into the bleachers and using a litany of homophobic slurs in an attempt to insult us. Much of what transpired took place in front of numerous Keene State officials — including a Keene State College police officer — and also happened to be caught on camera. Unfortunately, officials at the college were far more concerned with the outcome of the game than the safety of its spectators.

As much as we would like to isolate these types of experiences, they have become a part of the sports culture. After a series of violent encounters outside of sports venues in California culminated with two shootings in the aftermath of a preseason game between the San Francisco 49ers and the Oakland Raiders, a *USA Today* poll showed that almost 60 percent of respondents have decided to avoid attending live games as a result of continued violence while three quarters of people agreed that live sporting events are not safe for kids. And though the majority of victims of fan violence have been adults, last year, in a truly shocking case, a man at a Philadelphia Phillies game purposely vomited on a girl sitting in front of him.

More than ever, it is crucial that we eradicate the increasing hatred, bigotry and violence that has festered on the court, in the stands and online. Bryant's slur should have warranted a suspension and sensitivity treatment. Whitlock should have been fired for his disgusting attempt at humor. And Keene State, while you were busy celebrating a non-conference win like it was the national championship game, you were neglecting a situation that easily could have become violent.

We have ignored or made excuses for violence and ignorance in sports for far too long. Fans shouldn't have to look over their shoulder as they walk through the parking lot or make rushed exits out of hostile arenas to the safety of their vehicles.

Violence in sports has escalated far enough. Athletes, fans and the media need to be held responsible for their words and actions before someone pays the ultimate price for the ignorance and stupidity of others.

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Women's hockey wins fifth straight

By Mike Oster

The Middlebury women's hockey team continued their pursuit of excellence while the College was on break, first with a double header against the Hamilton Continentals on Jan. 27 and 28. The fourth-ranked Panthers entered the weekend 12-1-2, having won four consecutive games.

After a scoreless first period that saw missed opportunities from both teams, the Panthers found the net first, scoring 7:49 into the second period. Katie Sullivan '15 netted a rebound from a Grace Waters '12 shot for her fifth goal of the season.

The Continentals were able to draw level 6:16 into the third frame. Katie Zimmerman, the top goal-scorer in the NESCAC, beat Annabelle Jones '15 for her 14th of the year.

Regulation ended in a 1-1 tie and the teams moved into overtime. Middlebury pressured its opponents, but was unable to score. Instead, Hamilton managed a last minute goal, scoring with just 10 seconds remaining, to take the game 2-1. The loss was only the second of the year for the Panthers who moved to 12-2-2.

After the upset, the Middlebury women looked to the second game for redemption.

"I think we went into Saturday's game with a chip on our shoulders and a want for revenge," said first-year forward Hannah Bielawski '15. "Playing

them for the second time we knew that they were going to come out hard and battle till the end, so we made sure we interfered with their game plan by getting on the board early."

The Panthers followed through, scoring five minutes into the opening period. Sullivan passed to Maggie Melberg '12 from the back-left side of the net. Melberg then fed the puck to Lauren Greer '13 who smacked it in for her eighth goal of the season.

Bielawski also helped the Panthers to get ahead early, scoring just four minutes later to put her team up 2-0. Jones continued her solid performance to keep the Continentals at bay through the second period.

Hamilton finally managed to get on the board 5:40 into the third period off a shot from Laura DiCarlo during a power play. The Continentals pulled Hazlett with 1:19 left in the game to add a skater, but they could not manage a game-tying goal and the Panthers came away with a 2-1 victory.

The women continued to compete through February break, taking on the Connecticut College Camels on Feb. 3 and 4. The Panthers took the first game 4-1 with goals from Greer, Sara Ugalde '14 and two from Sullivan. The Panthers kept their momentum into the second game, winning 6-1. Katie Moreau '15 netted her first career goal, which was accom-

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ANDREW PODRYGULA

First-year goalie Dan Fullham '15 stops a shot in Middlebury's home match-up vs. Williams. The rookie made 26 saves en route to his fourth straight win.

Men's hockey heats up as NESCAC playoffs approach

By Alex Edel

After a streak of disappointing losses, the men's hockey team went on a four game winning streak against Wesleyan, Trinity and Williams, improving to 11-8-3 overall.

The team's winning streak came after a tough tie in overtime to NESCAC rival Tufts. The Panthers came out early with a 1-0 lead 6:53 into the first period. Nick Resor '12 scored 11:11 into the second period on the power play to advance Middlebury's lead to 2-0. Tufts came back very strong, scoring two points

including one point with just 32 seconds remaining in the game making the final score 2-2, and forcing the game into overtime. After a scoreless overtime period the Panthers left Tufts with a tie.

The Panthers saw this tie as the end to their losing streak as they went on to win the next four games starting at Wesleyan. After a scoreless first period, Tom Freyre '14 scored the first goal of the game off of a rebound from Trevor Pollock '13 14:14 into the second period. Just over two minutes later, Brett Brazier '13 advanced the Panther's lead

to 2-0. Continuing the rapid succession of goals, Wesleyan's Nik Tasiopoulos scored for the Cardinals just 47 seconds after Brazier's goal.

The third period started out with a 2-1 lead for the Panthers, which quickly advanced to a 3-1 lead 1:28 into the period. Trevor Pollock '13 gained his second assist of the game, passing to Mike Longo '14 who shot from right in front of the net for his first goal of the season. Wesleyan was not going to let the Panthers leave without a fight, and tightened

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Squash teams shine against NESCAC foes

By Katie Siegner

In the span of 10 days, the men's and women's squash teams have played eight matches, and have emerged from February Break showing promising signs of fulfilling their team goals for the season. The women have broken into the top 10 in the national rankings, and while the men may see their ranking drop after a tough loss to St. Lawrence,

both teams seem poised to make a statement at Nationals, which will take place during the last two weekends in February.

Over the first weekend of the break, Feb. 3-4, the teams traveled to Trinity for NESCACs, and both captured third place in the tournament. The women's path to bronze was marked by matches against Hamilton, Trinity and Williams. While they dispatched

their first-round opponent by a score of 9-0, the match against eventual NESCAC champion Trinity presented much more of a challenge, with Middlebury falling 8-1. Annie Ulrich '13, playing at the No. 9 spot in the ladder, secured the only Panther win, but Amanda Chen '14 and Lindsay Becker '13 both managed to take games from their opponents.

Their last match-up against Williams provided a chance for the Panthers to avenge an earlier 5-4 loss to the Ephs, which the team did in style, taking the 5-4 win and a third place finish in the tournament. The match was tied at four after No. 1 Elena Laird '12, No. 2 Abby Jenkins '14, No. 8 Becker and No. 9 Ulrich had all won their matches, setting the stage for first-year Charlotte Dewey '15 to earn the win for Middlebury in five games. With the win, the Panthers moved to 11 in the national rankings, closing in on their goal of making the top 10.

On the men's side, the team easily defeated its first opponent, Amherst, 8-1, before dropping a 7-2 match to Williams. The Panthers finished out the tournament with a solid win over Bates to take third in the tournament, living up to their third-place seeding going

in. Will Moore '14 went undefeated at NESCACs, delivering quality performances from the six-spot on the ladder.

After a mid-week contest at Hamilton, the teams hit the road again this past weekend, Feb. 10-11, with Boston the new destination. While the men and women lost to high-ranked Dartmouth 8-1, the weekend was very successful overall — on Saturday the teams combined for four quality victories. The men downed MIT convincingly, 9-0, and topped Bates by a score of 6-3. The women also took an easy 9-0 win against Wellesley in their first match on Saturday, before beating Bates in a 7-2 thriller that allowed them to jump to number nine in the country.

"We've come up with some impressive wins against some of our biggest rivals," said women's co-captain Al Boillot '12 of the teams' recent successes.

Squash wrapped up its busy Feb Break with a final home match on Sunday against St. Lawrence. The women jumped to an easy 9-0 victory over a lackluster Saints squad to cap a 6-2 week. The men faced a tougher match-up, and fell 6-3 despite solid wins by No. 1 Valentin Quan '12, No. 5 Cooper

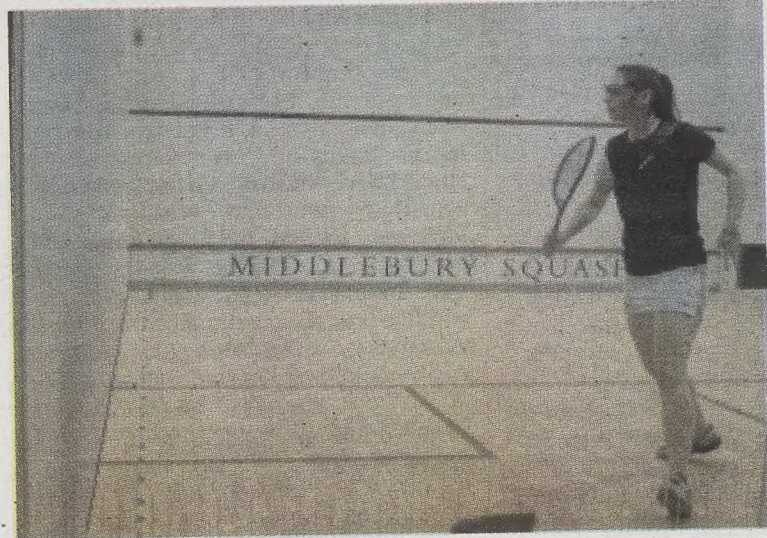
Redpath '14 and No. 9 Chris Ivsin '14, who fought through a mid-game injury that left him bleeding to defeat his opponent.

"The last couple of weeks have been really exciting," said Boillot. "It's great that we have a team where we can get wins at all spots on the ladder. At this point, we just need to work hard the next couple of weeks to make sure we can defend our ranking at Nationals."

The men travel to Princeton this weekend, Feb. 17-19, for team nationals, where they will face St. Lawrence in a first-round rematch on Friday.

"We need to peak this weekend if we want to finish this season on a strong note," said men's co-captain Addi DiSesa '12. "Losing to St. Lawrence hurt, but it will make beating them this weekend that much sweeter. We have been here before and in moments like this, when we have a chance for a rematch against a team that beat us before, we must rise with the occasion."

The following weekend, Feb. 24-26, the women compete at Harvard, where they will most likely face Williams again and will look to maintain their program-high No. 9 spot in the rankings.



COURTESY: AL BOILLOT

The squash teams hosted their last home match of the season on Sunday, Feb. 12 against St. Lawrence. Molly Hubbard '13 prepares to return a shot in the far corner of the court.

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